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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 249 Session of  
1997

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INTRODUCED BY BAKER, GEIST, ARMSTRONG, LYNCH, SHANER, READSHAW,  
FARGO, HERSHEY, E. Z. TAYLOR, DIGIROLAMO, BEBKO-JONES,  
HERMAN, SATHER, B. SMITH, MELIO, TIGUE, TRAVAGLIO, TRELLO,  
GIGLIOTTI, BELARDI, FAIRCHILD, HESS, BROWN, ROBERTS,  
LAUGHLIN, DeLUCA, STABACK, ROHRER, McNAUGHTON, DONATUCCI,  
YOUNGBLOOD, BARRAR, BIRMELIN, BISHOP, BOSCOLA, CLARK, CLYMER,  
CORRIGAN, COY, DALLY, DEMPSEY, DRUCE, EGOLF, FEESE, FICHTER,  
FLEAGLE, GEORGE, GORDNER, GRUPPO, HENNESSEY, HORSEY,  
HUTCHINSON, JAROLIN, LEH, LESCOVITZ, MASLAND, OLASZ, ORIE,  
PESCI, RAYMOND, SAYLOR, SERAFINI, STERN, WILT, WOJNAROSKI,  
YEWIC, ZIMMERMAN AND ZUG, SEPTEMBER 30, 1997

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, SEPTEMBER 30, 1997

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of November 23 through 29, 1997, as  
2 "Christian Heritage Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, We each have been richly blessed by the Almighty  
4 Whose Divine Providence our founding fathers sought as they  
5 established these United States of America as a free and  
6 independent nation; and

7 WHEREAS, George Washington, the acknowledged father of our  
8 country, has been documented as having said: "...we ought to be  
9 no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of heaven can never  
10 be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of  
11 order and right which Heaven itself has ordained,"; and

12 WHEREAS, Our Christian heritage is recognized in the writings  
13 and accomplishments of such individuals as William Bradford,

1 John and Abigail Adams, James Madison, Patrick Henry, Andrew  
2 Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson, Harry S. Truman,  
3 Dwight D. Eisenhower, and countless others, and in the  
4 Constitutions of the several sovereign states and innumerable  
5 public documents and utterances; and

6 WHEREAS, The importance of our Christian heritage to the  
7 institutions, values and vision of our nation is immeasurable;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Our Christian heritage is further reflected by our  
10 people and our leaders, past and present, in our individual and  
11 collective efforts as a nation of peacekeepers and peacemakers  
12 to provide for our people, both in America and abroad, by  
13 providing humanitarian assistance to our fellow men, women and  
14 children; and

15 WHEREAS, It is entirely appropriate to recognize the  
16 Pilgrim's First Thanksgiving for God's Providence as a special  
17 time and reason for celebrating our nation's Christian heritage;  
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
20 week of November 23 through 29, 1997, as "Christian Heritage  
21 Week" in Pennsylvania.