
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 197

Session of
1984

INTRODUCED BY L. E. SMITH, MARCH 14, 1984

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 19, 1984

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Postmaster General of the United States to
2 give thoughtful consideration to issuing a commemorative
3 stamp in honor of the 100th anniversary of the observance of
4 Groundhog Day at Gobblers Knob, Punxsutawney.

5 WHEREAS, February 2 is a day when Pennsylvanians
6 traditionally observe a folk custom known as Groundhog Day; and

7 WHEREAS, Groundhog Day activities center annually on Gobblers
8 Knob, Punxsutawney, where, it is said, if the groundhog called
9 "Punxsutawney Phil" emerges from his den on February 2 and sees
10 his shadow, he will rehibernate and winter will continue for
11 another six weeks, but, it is also said, if "Phil" emerges on
12 February 2 and fails to see his shadow, winter is over; and

13 WHEREAS, Since the annual observance began on February 2,
14 1887, at Gobblers Knob, the groundhog has proven to be an
15 accurate foreteller of the coming of spring, give or take a few;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The groundhog's reputation for accuracy has brought
18 him nationwide attention and renown; and

1 WHEREAS, February 2, 1987, marks the 100th anniversary of
2 this annual event; and

3 WHEREAS, Those who look forward to February 2 annually will
4 want to mark the 100th anniversary of the first trek to Gobblers
5 Knob with special events and celebrations; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives memorialize the
7 Postmaster General of the United States to give thoughtful
8 consideration to issuing a commemorative stamp in honor of the
9 100th anniversary of the observance of Groundhog Day at Gobblers
10 Knob, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
12 the Postmaster General of the United States.