

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Associate Justice Michael A. Musmanno.

2 WHEREAS, The Honorable Michael A. Musmanno was born on April  
3 7, 1897, in Stowe Township, Allegheny County; and

4 WHEREAS, Justice Musmanno earned seven college and university  
5 degrees, including a bachelor of arts degree from American  
6 University, a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Georgetown  
7 University and degrees from Oxford University, the University of  
8 Rome and Harvard University; and

9 WHEREAS, Justice Musmanno served as an Army Captain in World  
10 War I and as an Admiral in the United States Navy during World  
11 War II; and

12 WHEREAS, Justice Musmanno served two terms in the House of  
13 Representatives and 18 years as an Associate Justice on the  
14 Pennsylvania Supreme Court where he came to be known as one of  
15 our Nation's most distinguished jurists; and

16 WHEREAS, Justice Musmanno was a presiding justice at the  
17 International War Crimes Tribunal II at Nuremberg; and

1 WHEREAS, Justice Musmanno, after the hostilities of World War  
2 II, was appointed by President Harry Truman as presiding officer  
3 of the European War Refugee Commission; and

4 WHEREAS, President John F. Kennedy appointed Justice Musmanno  
5 to represent the United States on the International Tribunal;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Justice Musmanno was the author of 16 books, two of  
8 which were made into motion pictures: "Black Fury" and "Ten Days  
9 to Die"; and

10 WHEREAS, Justice Musmanno passed away on October 12, 1968,  
11 Columbus Day, and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery;  
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the  
14 lifetime achievements of Associate Justice Michael A. Musmanno;  
15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives request the  
17 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to prepare and  
18 erect an appropriate plaque on the birthplace of Justice  
19 Musmanno; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Historical and Museum Commission arrange  
21 for an appropriate ceremony dedicating this plaque on or about  
22 October 12, 1992, and also arrange for the presence of  
23 appropriate State and local officials and Musmanno family  
24 members and friends at this ceremony.