
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 295 Session of
1997

INTRODUCED BY HORSEY, KIRKLAND, JAMES, RAMOS, JOSEPHS AND CARN,
OCTOBER 29, 1997

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 29, 1997

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of the
2 United States Postal Service to consider and recommend to the
3 United States Postal Service Board of Governors the issuance
4 of a commemorative stamp honoring Richard Humphreys, Quaker,
5 goldsmith and philanthropist, on the 160th Anniversary of the
6 founding of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania.

7 WHEREAS, Richard Humphreys was born on February 13, 1750, in
8 Tortola, British Virgin Islands, and arrived in Philadelphia as
9 a teen to receive apprenticeship training in goldsmithing and
10 silversmithing; and

11 WHEREAS, Richard Humphreys was a dedicated member of the
12 Society of Friends, an active citizen in community affairs, a
13 philanthropist who valiantly served as a Captain in the Colonial
14 Army during the Revolutionary War; and

15 WHEREAS, Upon his death in 1832, Richard Humphreys'
16 convictions led him to donate a portion of his wealth for the
17 purpose of educating former slaves; and

18 WHEREAS, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, the first
19 institution in America devoted to the vocational education of

1 descendants of the African race, was founded in 1837; and

2 WHEREAS, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania has continued its
3 proud heritage and celebrates 160 years of service to the
4 academic community in 1997; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
6 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Citizens' Committee
7 of the United States Postal Service to consider and recommend to
8 the United States Postal Service Board of Governors the issuance
9 of a commemorative stamp honoring Richard Humphreys, Quaker,
10 goldsmith and philanthropist, on the 160th Anniversary of the
11 founding of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
14 the President of the United States, the presiding officers of
15 each house of Congress, to each member of Congress from
16 Pennsylvania, the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, the Board
17 of Governors of the United States Postal Service and the
18 Postmaster General.