

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 137 Session of
2001

INTRODUCED BY KAISER, DONATUCCI, ARMSTRONG, WOJNAROSKI, PIPPY,
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FICHTER, GEORGE, CALTAGIRONE, HERMAN, DALEY, MELIO, LEWIS AND
LAUGHLIN, APRIL 3, 2001

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 3, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 6, 2001, as "Tartan Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, On April 6, 1320, the Scottish Parliament, meeting
3 at Arbroath Abbey, sent a declaration to Pope John XXII that
4 asserted the independence of Scotland and recited the services
5 that their "Lord and sovereign, Robert the Bruce had rendered";
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The declaration of Scottish independence, known as
8 the Declaration of Arbroath, stated "for we fight not for glory,
9 nor riches, nor honours, but for freedom alone, which no good
10 man gives up except for his life"; and

11 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania possesses a rich
12 history, filled with the character and strength of a truly
13 diverse population; and

14 WHEREAS, Within our society, the contributions of Scottish
15 Americans are varied and plentiful, and hundreds of thousands of

1 Scottish Americans are proud to call Pennsylvania their home;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, In July 1776, members of the Continental Congress
4 declared their independence from England and formed the United
5 States of America; and

6 WHEREAS, As a country born from revolution and a belief in
7 freedom for all, it is appropriate to celebrate and recognize
8 these values throughout the world; and

9 WHEREAS, Over the centuries the contributions of Scottish
10 Americans to the growth and prosperity of our nation are well
11 documented; and

12 WHEREAS, Today over 6 million Americans of Scottish descent
13 reside within our borders and continue to donate to a future
14 filled with hope, possibility and boundless horizons; therefore
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
17 6, 2001, as "Tartan Day" in Pennsylvania.