
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 373 Session of
2003

INTRODUCED BY GEORGE, ALLEN, BALDWIN, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BROWNE,
CORRIGAN, COY, CRAHALLA, DALEY, DeWEESE, FABRIZIO, FRANKEL,
GEIST, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HUTCHINSON, JAMES,
KOTIK, LAUGHLIN, LEACH, LEDERER, LESCOVITZ, MANN, MARKOSEK,
McGEEHAN, MELIO, R. MILLER, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PHILLIPS,
PISTELLA, READSHAW, ROBERTS, ROEBUCK, SCHRODER, SHANER,
B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE,
WASHINGTON, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, KELLER, S. MILLER,
FREEMAN, ADOLPH AND SEMMEL, AUGUST 15, 2003

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
AUGUST 15, 2003

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging support of the USS Arizona Memorial Foundation.

2 WHEREAS, The attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941,
3 signaled America's entry into World War II; and

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's men and women served with honor,
5 courage and valor during this attack; and

6 WHEREAS, More than 2,400 soldiers, sailors, Marines and
7 civilians were killed in the attack at Pearl Harbor; and

8 WHEREAS, The USS Arizona Memorial was established to honor
9 the memory of those who gave their lives to their country in
10 defense of freedom during this battle; and

11 WHEREAS, At least 20 Pennsylvanians made the ultimate
12 sacrifice in this battle aboard the USS Arizona; and

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's bond to this battle included the

1 warships Oklahoma and Utah, both commissioned at the
2 Philadelphia Naval Yard, and the Commonwealth's namesake, the
3 battleship USS Pennsylvania; and

4 WHEREAS, The USS Arizona Memorial Foundation, a nonprofit
5 organization, is seeking financial support to help expand the
6 USS Arizona Museum and Visitor Center to include the
7 participation and sacrifices of all personnel involved in the
8 December 7, 1941, defense of Pearl Harbor and all warships,
9 including the USS Pennsylvania; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge residents of
11 this Commonwealth, businesses and other organizations to
12 individually and jointly contribute to the USS Arizona Memorial
13 Fund, 1 Arizona Memorial Place, Honolulu, HI 96818; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That each year the Governor send the flag of the
16 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the USS Arizona Memorial to be
17 flown at that sacred site; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Governor, the Department of Military and
19 Veterans Affairs, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum
20 Commission and other State agencies cooperate and coordinate
21 with the USS Arizona Memorial Foundation to recognize and
22 chronicle Pennsylvania's contribution to this defense of
23 liberty.