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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 412 Session of  
2003

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COSTA, ADOLPH, ARMSTRONG, BARRAR, CAPPELLI, CAWLEY, CORRIGAN,  
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PAYNE, PISTELLA, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROEBUCK, RUBLEY, SAYLOR,  
SCAVELLO, SHANER, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, TIGUE, WALKO,  
WASHINGTON, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD, DIGIROLAMO, BUNT, WOJNAROSKI,  
CIVERA AND CURRY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2003

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2003

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing that Commodore John Barry was a great American  
2 patriot whose significance to the history of Philadelphia,  
3 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the nation is symbolized  
4 by a statue at Independence Hall and urging that his statue  
5 remain at that site.

6 WHEREAS, On September 13, 2003, Commodore John Barry, the  
7 father of the United States Navy and a native Philadelphian, was  
8 posthumously honored with a military honor guard ceremony at the  
9 statue of Commodore Barry in Independence Square outside of  
10 Independence Hall in Philadelphia; and

11 WHEREAS, Commodore Barry was a great American patriot who  
12 fought bravely for liberty as the Commander of the United States  
13 Navy; and

14 WHEREAS, Commodore Barry served the administrations of John  
15 Adams and Thomas Jefferson, served during the American

1 Revolution where he quelled three mutinies and commanded the  
2 frigate Alliance in the last sea battle of the Revolution,  
3 served General George Washington and General Cadwallader and  
4 commanded the Pennsylvania Militia; and

5 WHEREAS, The National Park Service has discussed removing and  
6 discarding Commodore Barry's statue; and

7 WHEREAS, Members of the United States Navy, Coast Guard and  
8 Marines, as well as members of the Irish community and historic  
9 societies have shown great opposition to any discussion of  
10 removing Commodore Barry's statue; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
12 significance of Commodore Barry to the history of Philadelphia,  
13 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the nation and urge  
14 preservation of his statue at its present site.