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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring the week of October 5 through 11, 2003, as "Casimir  
2 Pulaski Week" in Pennsylvania and commemorating the  
3 achievements and contributions General Casimir Pulaski made  
4 to the United States of America.

5 WHEREAS, General Casimir Pulaski was born on March 4, 1747,  
6 in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth town of Winiary; and

7 WHEREAS, General Pulaski bravely fought in the battle for his  
8 home nation's independence against Russia, leading to his exile  
9 to Western Europe; and

10 WHEREAS, Pulaski's commitment to the defense of freedom and  
11 the sovereignty of nations was further evidenced in his efforts  
12 against Russia on the side of the Turks and finally on behalf of  
13 the American Revolutionaries; and

14 WHEREAS, Because of his skills, the need for quality military  
15 leaders and the recommendation of General George Washington,  
16 Pulaski was named General of the Cavalry on September 15, 1777,  
17 earning him the title of "Father of the American Cavalry"; and

1       WHEREAS, Over a period of five months, General Pulaski formed  
2 a cavalry of American, French, Polish, Irish and German troops  
3 which proceeded to South Carolina on February 2, 1779, to  
4 reinforce American forces; and

5       WHEREAS, In May 1779 Pulaski contributed to the successful  
6 defense of Charleston against a larger British force, breaking  
7 British momentum and boosting the morale of American troops; and

8       WHEREAS, In the battle of Savannah, General Pulaski led a  
9 charge behind the French line of infantry to break the British  
10 defense, which led to Pulaski's injury and finally his death on  
11 October 11, 1779; therefore be it

12       RESOLVED, That the Senate honor this great patriot who stated  
13 "I came here, where freedom is being defended, to serve it, and  
14 to live or die for it" by declaring the week of October 5  
15 through 11, 2003, as "Casimir Pulaski Week" in Pennsylvania.