

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
FEBRUARY 16, 2005

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 4, 2005, as "Thaddeus Stevens Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Thaddeus Stevens, a prominent figure in the 19th  
4 century history of Pennsylvania and the United States, was born  
5 in Vermont on April 4, 1792; and

6 WHEREAS, Stevens lived most of his life in Pennsylvania,  
7 teaching, practicing law and serving in the Pennsylvania  
8 Legislature from 1833 to 1841 and representing Pennsylvanians in  
9 Congress from 1849 to 1853 and again from 1858 until his death  
10 in 1868; and

11 WHEREAS, Stevens notably fought for the preservation of

1 public education in Pennsylvania, for emancipation of the  
2 slaves, for passage of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of  
3 the United States and for Reconstruction of the South after the  
4 Civil War; and

5 WHEREAS, Stevens directed that, upon his death, he be buried  
6 in an integrated cemetery in the City of Lancaster with this  
7 self-composed epitaph on his grave marker: "I have chosen this  
8 that I might illustrate in my death the principles which I  
9 advocated through a long life, Equality of Man before his  
10 Creator"; and

11 WHEREAS, Stevens left a generous bequest upon his death on  
12 August 11, 1868, to establish a school for the relief and refuge  
13 of homeless, indigent orphans; and

14 WHEREAS, This bequest evolved to form the Thaddeus Stevens  
15 College of Technology, founded to provide solid industrial  
16 education to all Pennsylvania citizens regardless of race or  
17 color and is a living monument to the life of Thaddeus Stevens;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, During 2005, the Thaddeus Stevens College of  
20 Technology is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding;  
21 therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the  
23 anniversary of the birth of this remarkable man and recognize  
24 the important contributions of the Thaddeus Stevens College of  
25 Technology on the occasion of its 100th anniversary by  
26 designating April 4, 2005, as "Thaddeus Stevens Day" in  
27 Pennsylvania.