
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 603 Session of
2006

INTRODUCED BY KIRKLAND, KILLION, JAMES, PRESTON, BISHOP,
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WATERS, WHEATLEY, WILLIAMS, YOUNGBLOOD AND PARKER,
FEBRUARY 15, 2006

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 15, 2006

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Cheyney University of Pennsylvania on its unique
2 historical value to this Commonwealth as the only
3 historically black college and university in the State System
4 of Higher Education and designating the month of February
5 2006 as "Cheyney University and Leslie Pinckney Hill Month"
6 in Pennsylvania.

7 WHEREAS, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania holds a singular
8 place in our nation's history as America's oldest historically
9 black institution of higher education; and

10 WHEREAS, Cheyney University experienced significant growth
11 during the leadership of Leslie Pinckney Hill, who was Cheyney's
12 longest-serving president and who occupied that office from 1913
13 to 1951; and

14 WHEREAS, Leslie Pinckney Hill transformed the school from the
15 Quaker-supported Institute for Colored Youth into the State-
16 supported Cheyney State Teachers College; and

17 WHEREAS, Leslie Pinckney Hill worked tirelessly to secure
18 accreditation for Cheyney graduates to teach all children in all

1 of Pennsylvania's schools; and

2 WHEREAS, Leslie Pinckney Hill secured Cheyney's accreditation
3 by the American Association of Teachers Colleges; and

4 WHEREAS, Leslie Pinckney Hill was a visionary who made
5 community service and outreach a hallmark of his presidency and
6 established the West Chester Community Center and community
7 musical and literary programs presented by Cheyney students; and

8 WHEREAS, Leslie Pinckney Hill was an often-published poet,
9 dramatist, essayist and lecturer whose works included "The Wings
10 of Oppression," "The Teacher" and Cheyney's "Alma Mater"; and

11 WHEREAS, Leslie Pinckney Hill's memory lives on through the
12 Leslie Pinckney Hill Library and the Bond-Hill Scholarship Fund;
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend and
15 congratulate Cheyney University of Pennsylvania for its lasting
16 contributions to the citizens of this Commonwealth, the United
17 States and indeed the world and recognize and honor the legacy
18 of Leslie Pinckney Hill by designating the month of February
19 2006 as "Cheyney University and Leslie Pinckney Hill Month" in
20 Pennsylvania; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
22 the Council of Trustees of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania,
23 1837 University Circle, P.O. Box 200, Cheyney, PA 19319, and to
24 the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania State System of
25 Higher Education, 2986 North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA
26 17110.