

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 548 Session of
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MIRABITO, MURT, MUSTIO, MYERS, QUINN, ROCK, SCAVELLO,
STEVENSON, VEREB AND YOUNGBLOOD, JANUARY 26, 2012

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 26, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the Pennsylvania Tartan as the Official Tartan of
2 this Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, Since the 17th century, Scottish families from both
4 the Highlands and Lowlands of Scotland have settled in this
5 Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Scots became a major element of the population of
7 this great Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, Kilted Scottish soldiers were instrumental in
9 gaining the western half of the Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Tartan is based upon the tartan
11 worn by these soldiers; and

12 WHEREAS, A tartan is a woolen cloth with a woven pattern of
13 colored strands of varying width crossing in straight lines over
14 a solid background, each unique to a clan, district, state or
15 group; and

16 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Tartan was designed by William H.

Johnston in 1992 in Skippack, Pennsylvania, and was registered with the Tartan Educational and Cultural Association, now known as the Scottish Tartans Authority, USA, on March 10, 1993; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Tartan is defined as a reversing horizontal and vertical pattern of sixty threads of blue, four of gold, four of blue, four of gold, ten of blue, ten of green, thirty of black, ten of blue, forty of green, four of red, six of black, four of red, forty of green, ten of blue, thirty of black, ten of green, forty of blue, four of gold and four of blue; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Tartan incorporates the colors of the Pennsylvania State flag and honors the contribution of the Scots to Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Scots have made major contributions to all aspects of our culture as we know it today; and

WHEREAS, The many Scottish organizations in this Commonwealth annually hold events and celebrations, not limited to Highland Games, where tartans are worn and are on display; and

WHEREAS, Since 1981, tartans have been designed for other states and at present the Scottish Tartan Authority recognizes 25 state tartans; and

WHEREAS, The United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives have separately passed resolutions recognizing each April 6 as National Tartan Day for the purpose of celebrating the contribution of Scots and Scottish-Americans to American culture and history; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the Pennsylvania Tartan as the official Tartan of this Commonwealth.