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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 112 Session of  
1991

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INTRODUCED BY LINTON, HUGHES, RICHARDSON, FREEMAN AND ROEBUCK,  
MAY 7, 1991

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ADOPTED, MAY 7, 1991

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A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring May 5, 1991, as "Jacob Lawrence Day" in the  
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Jacob Lawrence was born in Atlantic City, New  
4 Jersey, in 1917 and spent his early years in Easton,  
5 Philadelphia and Harlem; and

6 WHEREAS, As a teenager, he studied under recognized African-  
7 American artists and came into contact with the leaders of  
8 Harlem's intellectual community; and

9 WHEREAS, His paintings reflect the African-American  
10 experience, with special emphasis placed on scenes from 19th  
11 century American history and the Black experience; and

12 WHEREAS, In the late 1930's, Jacob Lawrence painted two  
13 series of pictures depicting scenes from the lives of 19th  
14 century African-American heroes, Frederick Douglass and Harriet  
15 Tubman; and

16 WHEREAS, On May 4, 1991, the Philadelphia Museum of Art will  
17 present the Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman series of

1 paintings together in their entirety for the first time; and

2 WHEREAS, Jacob Lawrence will make a rare public appearance on  
3 Sunday, May 5, 1991, at the Philadelphia Museum of Art; and

4 WHEREAS, Jacob Lawrence is an internationally acclaimed  
5 artist and national cultural treasure; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare May 5,  
7 1991, as "Jacob Lawrence Day" in the Commonwealth of  
8 Pennsylvania.