
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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PHILLIPS, PICKETT, RAMALEY, ROEBUCK, SAINATO, SCAVELLO,
SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, SONNEY, SURRA, THOMAS, WANSACZ,
WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD AND BELFANTI, APRIL 23, 2007

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 23, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Sister Mary Reap, IHM, Ph.D., 10th president of
2 Marywood University, and designating May 4, 2007, as "Sister
3 Mary Reap Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Sister Mary Reap has been president of Marywood
5 University for the past 19 years and formerly served Marywood as
6 dean of the Undergraduate School for Women and chairperson of
7 the Education Department; and

8 WHEREAS, Prior to her service at Marywood, Sr. Mary taught at
9 the elementary and secondary levels and worked in ministry to
10 the Spanish community; and

11 WHEREAS, A graduate of Marywood College, where she received a
12 bachelor of arts degree in Spanish, Sr. Mary earned a master of
13 arts degree in Spanish from Assumption College; and

14 WHEREAS, Certified in elementary and secondary education, Sr.
15 Mary received a doctor of philosophy degree in curriculum and

1 instruction from The Pennsylvania State University; and

2 WHEREAS, During Sr. Mary's tenure as president, Marywood
3 received university status and became the first university in
4 the region to offer a doctor of philosophy degree program; and

5 WHEREAS, Sr. Mary oversaw Marywood's restructuring into four
6 colleges, added several new facilities and substantially
7 increased enrollment; and

8 WHEREAS, Sr. Mary oversaw the Impact 2000 campaign, the most
9 ambitious fundraising campaign in Marywood's history, which
10 surpassed its \$55 million goal; and

11 WHEREAS, Capital and endowment gifts during Sr. Mary's
12 presidency have further enabled campus expansion and growth; and

13 WHEREAS, Sr. Mary is president of the Middle States
14 Association of Colleges and Schools and frequently serves on
15 evaluation teams for other colleges and universities; and

16 WHEREAS, Sr. Mary's recent honors include an honorary
17 doctorate of humane letters from Allentown College of Saint
18 Francis DeSales, Center Valley, and an honorary doctorate from
19 the University of Scranton; and

20 WHEREAS, Sr. Mary is a recipient of the Binghamton High
21 School Award, The Pennsylvania State University College of
22 Education alumni award and the St. Ignatius Award from Scranton
23 Preparatory School; and

24 WHEREAS, In 2004 the Council for Advancement and Support of
25 Education, a Washington, DC-based international association of
26 professionals who advance educational institutions, named Sr.
27 Mary "Outstanding Executive of the Year"; and

28 WHEREAS, Sr. Mary frequently writes and lectures about
29 Catholic education and general higher education issues in
30 addition to her convocation and commencement addresses; and

1 WHEREAS, Founded in 1915 by the Sisters, Servants of the
2 Immaculate Heart of Mary, Marywood was the first Catholic
3 women's college in this Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, Marywood became a university in 1997, and the
5 restructuring into four colleges under university status
6 occurred in 2003; and

7 WHEREAS, Marywood University enrolls more than 3,200
8 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students and more than
9 8,000 continuing education students annually; and

10 WHEREAS, There are more than 28,000 living Marywood alumni;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, On May 4, 2007, Marywood University is honoring Sr.
13 Mary for her commitment to Marywood and to academic excellence;
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives join with
16 Marywood University in honoring Sr. Mary Reap, IHM, Ph.D., and
17 designate May 4, 2007, as "Sister Mary Reap Day" in
18 Pennsylvania.