

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 256 Session of  
1992

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INTRODUCED BY LANGTRY, CESSAR, FARMER AND ANDERSON,  
FEBRUARY 5, 1992

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ADOPTED, FEBRUARY 5, 1992

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 16, 1992, as "Elks American Patriotism Day"  
2 in celebration of the Elks' 124th Anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is one  
4 of the oldest and largest fraternal organizations in the United  
5 States, having held its first formal meeting on February 16,  
6 1868, in New York City; and

7 WHEREAS, Patriotism is the hallmark of the Elks; and

8 WHEREAS, The Elks became the first organization to observe  
9 June 14 as Flag Day, and more than 40 years later, fellow Elk,  
10 President Harry S. Truman, signed an order proclaiming Flag Day  
11 as an official national holiday; and

12 WHEREAS, The Elks, in the interest of education, have awarded  
13 scholarships to more than 500 outstanding high school students  
14 and emergency educational grants to needy students; and

15 WHEREAS, A civic-minded organization, the Elks contributed  
16 \$27 million to support cerebral palsy research, veterans'  
17 hospitals, care for children with mental retardation and other

1 services to aid people with disabilities; and

2 WHEREAS, On February 16, 1992, the objective of the Elks is  
3 to have the red, white and blue colors of the American flag  
4 displayed by everyone; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
6 February 16, 1992, as "Elks American Patriotism Day" in  
7 celebration of the 124th Anniversary of this venerable  
8 organization; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
10 Paul Q. LaFayette, Pennsylvania State President of the  
11 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Cranberry Lodge No.  
12 2249, 142 York Road, Zelienople, Pennsylvania 16063.