

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 3, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the League of Women Voters on the occasion of its 85th
2 anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, On March 24, 1919, at the 50th Anniversary Jubilee
4 Convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association
5 in St. Louis, Carrie Chapman Catt proposed the formation of a
6 "league of women voters to 'finish the fight' and to aid in the
7 reconstruction of the nation"; and

8 WHEREAS, Nearly a year later on February 14, 1920, the League
9 of Women Voters was officially founded at the Victory Convention
10 of the National American Woman Suffrage Association in Chicago,

1 as it celebrated House passage, Senate passage and ratification
2 by the states of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the
3 United States; and

4 WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters began as a "mighty
5 political experiment" designed to help 20 million women carry
6 out their new responsibilities as voters, encouraging them to
7 use their new power to participate in shaping public policy; and

8 WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters' primary agenda in 1920
9 was to "make the general welfare" by attacking "illiteracy,
10 social evils, and industrial ills" such as collective
11 bargaining, child labor laws, compulsory education and equal
12 opportunity for women; and

13 WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters is now and has always
14 been a nonpartisan organization, thoroughly studying and
15 evaluating every issue before adopting a position on it; and

16 WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters' impact is felt at
17 national, State and local levels of government; and

18 WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters was instrumental in
19 Arizona in passing the Citizens Clean Money, Clean Elections Act
20 by collecting more than 190,000 signatures to get the initiative
21 on the ballot and then succeeding in winning 51% approval by
22 voters; and

23 WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters' 21st century vision
24 includes a renewed commitment to reconnecting citizens with
25 government, enhancing voter participation, including all voices
26 in civic life and strengthening the democratic process through
27 reform; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the League
29 of Women Voters on the occasion of its 85th anniversary.