
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 157 Session of
1989

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R. C. WRIGHT AND McHALE, JUNE 20, 1989

ADOPTED, JUNE 20, 1989

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 21, 1989, for the purpose of remembering and
2 commemorating James Earl Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael
3 Schwerner.

4 WHEREAS, In the summer of 1964, three young civil rights
5 workers, James Earl Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael
6 Schwerner, were brutally murdered in Philadelphia, Mississippi,
7 while engaged in a humanitarian effort to overcome racism and to
8 encourage voter registration in the community; and

9 WHEREAS, June of 1989 will mark the twenty-fifth year since
10 these atrocious acts of violence occurred in which Chaney,
11 Goodman and Schwerner paid the supreme sacrifice for the cause
12 of freedom; and

13 WHEREAS, We believe that the cause for which these three
14 courageous men died was just and that all America should be
15 committed to insuring that the memory of their struggle against
16 racial intolerance not only survives, but continues to inspire

1 and activate others; and

2 WHEREAS, It is more than apparent that racial, ethnic and
3 religious intolerance in our country, however and whenever it
4 arises, poses a serious threat to the stability of our society;
5 therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives hereby designates
7 Wednesday, June 21, 1989, as a day to appropriately commemorate
8 and pay tribute to the memories of James Earl Chaney, Andrew
9 Goodman and Michael Schwerner upon the twenty-fifth anniversary
10 of their deaths in one of the many battles fought for freedom,
11 equality and justice for all people of this great Nation.