
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 437 Session of
1996

INTRODUCED BY BEBKO-JONES, WALKO, READSHAW, CAPPABIANCA,
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GODSHALL, CALTAGIRONE, LYNCH, ROONEY, PISTELLA, LEDERER,
BUNT, SCRIMENTI, SERAFINI AND TRUE, SEPTEMBER 23, 1996

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 23, 1996

A RESOLUTION

1 Proclaiming October 6, 1996, as "Casimir Pulaski Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Count Casimir (Kazimierz) Pulaski was born in
4 Lithuania on March 4, 1748, studied law and served valiantly in
5 the Polish Army against foreign domination of his land; and

6 WHEREAS, Casimir Pulaski, having fought against Russian,
7 Austrian and Prussian control over Poland, was forced to flee
8 his country for free France, where he met and became a close
9 friend of the American representative and statesman Benjamin
10 Franklin; and

11 WHEREAS, Count Pulaski offered his military services to the
12 fledgling American Revolutionary Army and, with a letter of
13 introduction from Benjamin Franklin, was commissioned by the new
14 Congress and General George Washington; and

15 WHEREAS, Pulaski's valiant services to the Revolution brought

1 him honor and acclaim as he commanded Pulaski's Legion at
2 Brandywine and at Germantown, Pennsylvania; and

3 WHEREAS, After suffering a defeat against the British in
4 South Carolina, he commanded French and American cavalry in 1779
5 in the siege of Savannah, Georgia, where he was mortally wounded
6 and died on October 11, 1779, aboard an American war ship; and

7 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
8 erected an historical marker honoring Count Casimir Pulaski
9 along Old U.S. Highway 1 near Brandywine Battlefield State Park;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The life's work and ideals of Casimir Pulaski are a
12 source of strength and pride to Americans of Polish ancestry and
13 help them perpetuate the high ideals, customs and culture of the
14 Polish people; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives proclaim October
16 6, 1996, as "Casimir Pulaski Day" in Pennsylvania.