

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BRIGHTBILL AND AFFLERBACH, NOVEMBER 19, 1996

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A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival as "The Official
2 Shakespeare Festival of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

3 WHEREAS, In 1992, the Reverend Gerard J. Schubert founded the
4 Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival at Allentown College; and

5 WHEREAS, Seasonal attendance at the Pennsylvania Shakespeare
6 Festival has grown from more than 10,000 people in 1992 to more
7 than 22,000 people in 1995; and

8 WHEREAS, More than 25,000 people are expected to see the 1997
9 productions of Julius Caesar, The Comedy of Errors and Shaw's
10 Arms and the Man; and

11 WHEREAS, The audience comes from as many as 11 different
12 states; and

13 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival continues its
14 rise to national prominence; and

15 WHEREAS, The preeminent regional theatre critics have
16 declared the festival as "one of the major presenters of the
17 Bard's plays" and called its productions "the most significant
18 theatre events of the year"; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Senate declare the Pennsylvania
2 Shakespeare Festival as "The Official Shakespeare Festival of
3 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."