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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 12 through 16, 2004, as "Henry
2 Mancini Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Enrico Henry Mancini, one of America's most
4 successful music composers of all time, was born on April 16,
5 1924, and would have celebrated his 80th birthday on April 16,
6 2004; and

7 WHEREAS, Henry Mancini was born in Cleveland, Ohio, but spent
8 his childhood and began to develop his musical gifts in West
9 Aliquippa, Pennsylvania; and

10 WHEREAS, On his 18th birthday, Henry Mancini was accepted to
11 the prestigious Julliard School of Music in New York, only to
12 have his studies cut short when he was drafted into the Army Air
13 Corps and assigned to a military band led by Norman Leyden; and

14 WHEREAS, As a composer, conductor, arranger and performer,
15 Mancini's musical legacy is extensive and diverse, including
16 memorable songs such as "Moon River" and "Peter Gunn" and
17 beloved film scores such as "Victor/Victoria," "The Glass

1 Managerie," "The Pink Panther," "Days of Wine and Roses,"
2 "Breakfast at Tiffany's" and many more; and

3 WHEREAS, Henry Mancini was nominated for an unprecedented 72
4 Grammy Awards, winning 20 Grammys, and was nominated for 18
5 Academy Awards, winning four Oscars; and

6 WHEREAS, Sadly, on June 14, 1994, his family, friends and
7 music lovers across the world and Pennsylvania lost this great
8 husband, father, friend and musical innovator; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service has chosen to honor
10 the life and musical legacy of this great Pennsylvanian by
11 issuing a commemorative stamp in honor of Henry Mancini; and

12 WHEREAS, The stamp is being issued at a ceremony in Los
13 Angeles' Music Center Plaza on April 13, 2004, and at the B.F.
14 Jones Memorial Library in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, on April 14,
15 2004; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
17 life and career of Henry Mancini and the issuance of a
18 commemorative stamp by the United States Postal Service; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
21 week of April 12 through 16, 2004, as "Henry Mancini Week" in
22 Pennsylvania.