
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 620 Session of
2006

INTRODUCED BY STURLA, BOYD, ARGALL, BALDWIN, ADOLPH, ARMSTRONG, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BEYER, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CLYMER, COHEN, CORNELL, CORRIGAN, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, DENLINGER, DeWEESE, DONATUCCI, EACHUS, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, FEESE, FLEAGLE, FORCIER, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GABIG, GEORGE, GERGELY, GINGRICH, GOOD, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARPER, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HESS, JAMES, KILLION, KOTIK, LEDERER, MAITLAND, MAJOR, MANN, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, McGEEHAN, MCGILL, McILHATTAN, MILLARD, S. MILLER, MUSTIO, MYERS, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PHILLIPS, PISTELLA, PYLE, RAMALEY, RAPP, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROBERTS, ROEBUCK, ROHRER, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SATHER, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SHANER, SIPTROTH, STABACK, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, TRUE, TURZAI, WALKO, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK AND ZUG, MARCH 6, 2006

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 6, 2006

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 4, 2006, as "Thaddeus Stevens Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Thaddeus Stevens, a prominent figure in the 19th
4 century history of Pennsylvania and the United States, was born
5 in Vermont on April 4, 1792; and

6 WHEREAS, Stevens lived most of his life in Pennsylvania,
7 teaching, practicing law and serving in the Pennsylvania
8 Legislature from 1833 to 1841 and representing Pennsylvanians in
9 Congress from 1849 to 1853 and again from 1858 until his death
10 in 1868; and

11 WHEREAS, Stevens notably fought for the preservation of

1 public education in Pennsylvania, for emancipation of the
2 slaves, for passage of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of
3 the United States and for Reconstruction of the South after the
4 Civil War; and

5 WHEREAS, Stevens directed that, upon his death, he be buried
6 in an integrated cemetery in the City of Lancaster with this
7 self-composed epitaph on his grave marker: "I have chosen this
8 that I might illustrate in my death the principles which I
9 advocated through a long life, Equality of Man before his
10 Creator"; and

11 WHEREAS, Stevens left a generous bequest upon his death on
12 August 11, 1868, to establish a school for the relief and refuge
13 of homeless, indigent orphans; and

14 WHEREAS, This bequest evolved to form the Thaddeus Stevens
15 College of Technology, founded to provide solid industrial
16 education to all Pennsylvania citizens regardless of race or
17 color and is a living monument to the life of Thaddeus Stevens;
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
20 anniversary of the birth of this remarkable man by designating
21 April 4, 2006, as "Thaddeus Stevens Day" in Pennsylvania.