
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 342 Session of
2007

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 25, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of a Pennsylvania icon, Peter C. Wambach, Sr.,
2 and recognizing his contributions to the Commonwealth of
3 Pennsylvania and its citizens.

4 WHEREAS, Peter C. Wambach, Sr., was born in Philadelphia,
5 Pennsylvania, on July 30, 1916, and passed away in Harrisburg on
6 May 17, 2007, at 90 years of age; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Wambach graduated from Girard College in
8 Philadelphia and earned its prestigious Alumni Award of Merit in

1 1956 and the Stephen Girard Award in 1990; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Wambach married Margherita Carmela Zarbo on
3 April 11, 1940, a union that lasted 67 years and was blessed
4 with 14 children, 23 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Wambach held various positions throughout his
7 lifetime, including, but not limited to, journalist,
8 broadcaster, restaurateur and businessman with a public
9 relations firm, a record distributorship and an office equipment
10 company; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Wambach was a speechwriter to Governors George
12 M. Leader and David L. Lawrence and Lieutenant Governor John
13 Morgan Davis; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Wambach's creative genius was best expressed as
15 a wordsmith with the creation of "This is Pennsylvania," a radio
16 show heard on more than 100 stations for more than 17 years; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Wambach researched, wrote, edited and produced
18 more than 2,470 stories depicting the people, places, historical
19 events and facts about the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and he
20 recently donated this body of work, his legacy, to the
21 Pennsylvania State Archives for future Pennsylvanians to enjoy;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, "This is Pennsylvania" was awarded the George
24 Washington Gold Medal by the Freedom Foundation; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Wambach's love for Pennsylvania earned him the
26 nickname "Mr. Pennsylvania" and he was known for his tagline,
27 "It's a Beautiful Day in Pennsylvania"; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Wambach was a broadcast journalist on radio and
29 television for more than 57 years, an original inductee into the
30 Pennsylvania Broadcasters' Hall of Fame and a columnist for the

1 Harrisburg Patriot-News and the Paxton Herald newspaper for more
2 than 25 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Wambach possessed a strong belief in giving back
4 to the community, having volunteered with many local and
5 Statewide charities over his entire lifetime, and he instilled
6 in his children this same virtue; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Wambach was a member of the Pennsylvania
8 Democratic State Committee for more than 30 years and a delegate
9 to many Democratic National Conventions; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Wambach was a candidate for Lieutenant Governor
11 in 1966 and for the United States Congress from the 17th
12 District in 1974; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its deep
14 and profound sorrow upon the passing of Peter C. Wambach, Sr.,
15 and direct that a copy of this condolence resolution be
16 delivered to Margherita Carmela Zarbo Wambach at 4500 Oakhurst
17 Boulevard, Apt. 106, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
20 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will always consider, in honor of
21 the life of Peter C. Wambach, Sr., that every day will be "A
22 Beautiful Day in Pennsylvania."