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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 8, 2007, as "Columbus Day" in Pennsylvania  
2 and recognizing the Pittsburgh Columbus Day Parade for  
3 honoring Christopher Columbus's heritage and contributions to  
4 the discovery of the New World.

5 WHEREAS, Christopher Columbus, an Italian explorer and  
6 merchant born in Genoa, Italy, set sail from Palos, Spain, on  
7 August 2, 1492, determined to realize the "Enterprise of the  
8 Indies" by sailing west; and

9 WHEREAS, At the time of Columbus's travels, conventional  
10 wisdom was that sailing westward would be fruitless and  
11 dangerous; and

12 WHEREAS, Columbus convinced King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella  
13 of Spain to provide financial support for his efforts to map out  
14 a new trade route for spices from the Indies; and

15 WHEREAS, Columbus braved the perils of this journey, sailed  
16 westward and discovered the New World by making landfall on  
17 October 12, 1492; and

1 WHEREAS, Even at his death in 1506, Columbus was unaware of  
2 the magnitude of his discovery: he died believing that he had  
3 landed in the East Indies, his original destination; and

4 WHEREAS, Columbus's arrival and his discovery of a new trade  
5 route were pivotal in the settlement of the New World in later  
6 years; and

7 WHEREAS, President Franklin Roosevelt asked that October 12  
8 be observed as "Columbus Day" and that Columbus's discovery be  
9 celebrated with the recognition of "Columbus Day" on the second  
10 Monday of October each year; and

11 WHEREAS, Many cities throughout the nation celebrate  
12 "Columbus Day" with parades and festivities; and

13 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Columbus Day Parade, which will be  
14 held this year on Saturday, October 6, 2007, is expected to be  
15 attended by thousands of citizens who gather to celebrate  
16 Columbus's heritage and his discovery; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October  
18 8, 2007, as "Columbus Day" in Pennsylvania and recognize the  
19 Pittsburgh Columbus Day Parade for honoring Christopher  
20 Columbus's heritage and contributions to the discovery of the  
21 New World.