

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 680 Session of 2010

INTRODUCED BY McCALL, GERGELY, SOLOBAY, ADOLPH, BELFANTI, BEYER, BISHOP, BOYLE, BRENNAN, BRIGGS, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, COHEN, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, DELOZIER, DeLUCA, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRELL, GRUCELA, HARHART, HARKINS, HARRIS, HELM, HENNESSEY, HESS, HORNAMAN, KILLION, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, KOTIK, KULA, LONGIETTI, MAHER, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANN, MARKOSEK, MATZIE, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MURT, PARKER, QUIGLEY, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROSS, SAINATO, SAMUELSON, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SEIP, SIPTROTH, STABACK, THOMAS, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WHEATLEY AND YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 23, 2010

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 23, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 25, 2010, as "Greek Independence Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The ancient Greeks developed democracy, in which the
4 power to govern was vested in the people, and the founding
5 fathers of the United States drew upon the experience and
6 philosophy of ancient Greece in forming its representative
7 democracy; and

8 WHEREAS, Many Americans fought alongside the Greeks in their
9 fight for independence, and Greece has been allied with this
10 nation in every major international conflict in the 20th
11 century; and

12 WHEREAS, Sir Winston Churchill said of the Greeks, "Hence, we

1 will not say that Greeks fight like heroes, but that heroes
2 fight like Greeks"; and

3 WHEREAS, Greece and the United States serve as the forefront
4 of the worldwide effort to promote freedom, democracy, peace,
5 stability and human rights, ideals which have forged a close
6 bond between our nations; and

7 WHEREAS, Approximately 3 million proud Greek Americans have
8 established an enduring bridge between the United States and
9 Greece, remaining connected to their heritage and passing their
10 traditions on to new generations; and

11 WHEREAS, Greek Americans in this Commonwealth have played a
12 significant role in the economic, cultural and social
13 development of this Commonwealth; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
15 25, 2010, as "Greek Independence Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That all citizens are encouraged to recognize the
18 struggles of the Greek people for freedom in their homeland and
19 to reflect upon the importance of self-determination for all the
20 people of the world.