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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 25, 2010

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A RESOLUTION

1 Adopting the Pennsylvania History Bill of Rights.

2 WHEREAS, Understanding Pennsylvania's history is key to  
3 understanding America's history; and

4 WHEREAS, Section 27 of Article I of the Constitution of  
5 Pennsylvania makes the Commonwealth trustee for the preservation  
6 of the historic values of the environment; and

7 WHEREAS, The irreplaceable historical, architectural,  
8 archaeological and cultural heritage of this Commonwealth should  
9 be preserved and protected for the benefit of all people,  
10 including future generations; and

11 WHEREAS, The preservation and protection of historic  
12 resources in this Commonwealth promote public health, prosperity  
13 and general welfare; and

14 WHEREAS, It is in the public interest for the Commonwealth,

1 its citizens and its political subdivisions to engage in  
2 comprehensive programs of historic preservation for the  
3 enjoyment, education and inspiration of all people, including  
4 future generations; and

5 WHEREAS, Many individuals and organizations across this  
6 Commonwealth are working diligently to make sure that history is  
7 not lost; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives join with other  
9 heritage and cultural organizations across this Commonwealth to  
10 adopt the following Pennsylvania History Bill of Rights and its  
11 guiding principles that reflect the needs and expectations of  
12 Pennsylvania's citizens in preserving Pennsylvania's heritage:

13 Students in Pennsylvania schools understand  
14 Pennsylvania's history in the context of world, national and  
15 local events.

16 Pennsylvania maintains a competitive position as a  
17 premier tourism destination for heritage travelers.

18 Pennsylvania citizens have access to the current records  
19 of government and the permanently valuable documents which  
20 tell the history of this Commonwealth.

21 Current and future generations are assured that  
22 Pennsylvania's historical resources are preserved for their  
23 enjoyment and use.

24 Pennsylvania's museums, historical societies and historic  
25 sites receive adequate public and private support to maintain  
26 high standards of stewardship and public access.

27 Pennsylvania's communities retain the historic character  
28 and distinctiveness that are essential to attracting and  
29 retaining residents, businesses and visitors.