

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 889 Session of  
2009

INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, WASHINGTON, COSTA, BOSCOLA AND  
WONDERLING, MAY 27, 2009

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 27, 2009

AN ACT

1 Selecting, designating and adopting the phrase "*Ubi libertas*  
2 *vivit, hic patria mihi*" as the official Latin motto of the  
3 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

4 The General Assembly finds that:

5 (1) the phrase "*Ubi libertas vivit, hic patria mihi*" is  
6 the Latin translation of a quote attributed to the  
7 Pennsylvania statesman Benjamin Franklin; and

8 (2) the English translation of the phrase is "Where  
9 liberty is, there is my country."

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Official State Latin motto.

13 The quote "*Ubi libertas vivit, hic patria mihi*" is selected,  
14 designated and adopted as the official Latin motto of the  
15 Commonwealth.

16 Section 2. Effective date.

17 This act shall take effect immediately.