

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 490 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY MAHONEY, KULA, BRENNAN, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE,
DIGIROLAMO, FRANKEL, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, HARHAI,
HENNESSEY, HORNAMAN, KORTZ, KOTIK, LONGIETTI, MAHER, MAJOR,
MANN, MARSHALL, MILLARD, MIRABITO, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN,
PASHINSKI, READSHAW, ROCK, ROEBUCK, SAINATO, SANTONI,
SCAVELLO, SONNEY, STABACK, STERN, SWANGER, WAGNER, REED,
WHITE, FLECK, TALLMAN, GEIST, VULAKOVICH, GIBBONS, VEREB,
YOUNGBLOOD, GRELL, GROVE AND HESS, OCTOBER 31, 2011

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER
31, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the 75th anniversary of Fallingwater.

2 WHEREAS, Fallingwater was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright for
3 the Kaufmann Family; and

4 WHEREAS, Fallingwater was created as a mountain retreat for
5 the Edgar J. Kaufmann family of Pittsburgh, owners of Kaufmann's
6 Department Store; and

7 WHEREAS, Frank Lloyd Wright designed Fallingwater in 1935;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Frank Lloyd Wright is America's most famous
10 architect; and

11 WHEREAS, Fallingwater was featured on the cover of *Time*
12 magazine in January 1938; and

13 WHEREAS, The Kaufmann family owned and used the home until
14 1963 when it was entrusted to the Western Pennsylvania

1 Conservancy; and

2 WHEREAS, The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy has preserved
3 Fallingwater since 1963, with a major structural repair in 2002
4 strengthening Fallingwater's cantilevers to prevent collapse and
5 future deflection; and

6 WHEREAS, Fallingwater is the only major Wright-designed house
7 open to the public with its furnishings, artwork and setting
8 intact; and

9 WHEREAS, Four million people have visited Fallingwater since
10 1964 and, 160,477 people visited Fallingwater in 2010 alone; and

11 WHEREAS, Fallingwater is a Commonwealth Treasure and National
12 Historic Landmark and is being proposed by the United States as
13 a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural
14 Organization World Heritage Site; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor
16 Fallingwater on its 75th anniversary.