

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 2, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Rick Sebak for his 25th anniversary at WQED.

2 WHEREAS, Rick Sebak has been working in public television
3 since the mid 1970s, creating a number of very popular and
4 beloved nonfiction programs both locally and nationally; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1987, Mr. Sebak returned to his hometown in
6 Pittsburgh to work at WQED. While at WQED, he has produced more
7 than 20 documentaries about the history, neighborhoods,
8 buildings, people and food of western Pennsylvania; and

9 WHEREAS, Since November 2010, Mr. Sebak has been producing
10 and hosting a magazine-style program called "It's Pittsburgh & A
11 Lot of Other Stuff," seen regularly on WQED and online; and

12 WHEREAS, His programs include "Kennywood Memories," "Things
13 That Aren't There Anymore," "Pennsylvania Diners," "The Strip

1 Show," "What Makes Pittsburgh Pittsburgh" and "Happy Holidays in
2 Pittsburgh" among others; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Sebak has produced more than a dozen national
4 programs for PBS that celebrate various aspects of modern
5 American culture, including a perennial summertime favorite
6 entitled "A Hog Dog Program"; and

7 WHEREAS, Rick Sebak was nominated for two Primetime Emmy
8 Awards for his work on "Fred Rogers: America's Favorite
9 Neighbor." Moreover, he has received numerous local awards and
10 recognitions, including ten regional Emmy Awards and an honorary
11 doctorate from Seton Hill University; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Rick Sebak
13 for his 25th anniversary at WQED.