
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 26 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY O'BRIEN, READSHAW, RYAN, HENNESSEY, BAKER, BOBACK,
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HILL, SCHWEYER, FREEMAN AND GROVE, JANUARY 23, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 23, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 17, 2017, as the birthday of Benjamin
2 Franklin.

3 WHEREAS, We celebrate the life of Benjamin Franklin, past
4 Chief Clerk and Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of
5 Representatives; and

6 WHEREAS, Benjamin Franklin became famous as a scientist, an
7 inventor, a statesman, a printer, a philosopher, a musician and
8 a philanthropist through his work for the betterment of
9 Philadelphia, the Commonwealth and the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Franklin had a strong belief that good citizenship
11 included an obligation of public service; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to signing the five founding documents
13 of the United States, Franklin also helped in drafting two of
14 these momentous documents, the Declaration of Independence and
15 the Constitution of the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, Franklin was interested in practical applications,
2 which led to his invention of the lightning rod, the smokeless
3 fireplace, the glass armonica and bifocal glasses; and

4 WHEREAS, Driven by a strong sense of civic duty, Franklin
5 greatly involved himself in his community and founded many of
6 America's first institutions, including the American
7 Philosophical Society, the University of Pennsylvania, the Union
8 Fire Company and the Library Company of Philadelphia; and

9 WHEREAS, Benjamin Franklin was one of the most extraordinary
10 human beings the world has ever known and is often referred to
11 as the most brilliant man of the 18th century; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize January
13 17, 2017, as the birthday of Benjamin Franklin.