
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 457 Session of
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Women of the Grange.

2 WHEREAS, The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of
3 Husbandry, which was founded December 4, 1867, is celebrating
4 its sesquicentennial anniversary in 2017-2018; and

5 WHEREAS, The Grange was founded as an organization created to
6 promote the economic, social, family values and community
7 interests of farmers and other men and women of rural America;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Caroline A. Hall, a niece of one of the seven
10 founders of the National Grange, insisted that the fundamental
11 structure of the order must treat women equally, something
12 almost unheard of in that day, indicating the organization will
13 not succeed unless you give an equal voice to women; and

14 WHEREAS, The result of her advocacy was equality between men
15 and women in the Grange in governance, in public policy, and in
16 a wide range of Grange activities; and

17 WHEREAS, The structure of the Grange gives men and women
18 equal voting rights and mandates that women hold four of the

1 leadership roles at a minimum; and

2 WHEREAS, Women of the Pennsylvania State Grange have been
3 leaders in public policy as far back as the 19th and early 20th
4 centuries, pushing for women's suffrage, and continuing with
5 contemporary issues such as Pennsylvanian National Grange
6 President Betsy Huber's push for universal access to the
7 Internet and cellular phones no matter where you live; therefore
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the Women of the Grange;
10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the Women of the Grange's
12 work in promoting equality, family and core values in our
13 society, and constructive public policy, and that the founders
14 of the Grange and Caroline A. Hall be appreciated for their
15 leadership and forward thinking.