

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Philomathean Society of the University of  
2 Pennsylvania, the nation's oldest continuous collegiate  
3 literary society, on its 200th anniversary on October 2,  
4 2013, and extending best wishes to the society for a  
5 successful and productive future.

6 WHEREAS, The Philomathean Society of the University of  
7 Pennsylvania was founded on October 2, 1813, and strives to  
8 uphold its mission of "increasing the learning of the members  
9 and the academic prestige of the University"; and

10 WHEREAS, The society exhibited remarkable intellectual  
11 capacity and ambition when three undergraduate members published  
12 the first accurate translation of the Rosetta Stone in 1858; and

13 WHEREAS, The society has achieved an unparalleled record of  
14 service to the University of Pennsylvania and the public by  
15 sponsoring numerous scholarly publications, lectures, panel  
16 discussions and afternoon teas with prominent professors, as  
17 well as poetry readings, film screenings, dramatic performances,  
18 art shows, debates, special classes and annual orations by  
19 renowned public intellectuals, all of which are free and open to

1 the public; and

2 WHEREAS, The society has trained generations of our nation's  
3 leaders, including three United States Senators, seven United  
4 States Representatives, two Cabinet officers, three ambassadors,  
5 two governors, six generals and enumerable local legislators,  
6 judges, lawyers, doctors, authors, editors, scientists,  
7 ministers and educators, through the exercises it provides  
8 members in writing, speaking and thinking; and

9 WHEREAS, It is a testimony to the dedication and wisdom of  
10 the students of the University of Pennsylvania that they have  
11 supported the society over two centuries when only a handful of  
12 the great literary societies that were once represented at  
13 nearly every American campus have survived; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the  
15 Philomathean Society of the University of Pennsylvania, the  
16 nation's oldest continuous collegiate literary society, on its  
17 200th anniversary on October 2, 2013, and extend best wishes to  
18 the society for a successful and productive future.