

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

RESOLUTION

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Referred to Committee on	
Date _____	20 _____
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As Committed-Amended	
Recommendation	

By Hon. _____	

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of December 14 through 20, 2015, as "Gospel
2 Music Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Gospel music is a treasured art form unique to the
4 United States, which inspires and entertains across racial,
5 ethnic, religious and geographic boundaries; and

6 WHEREAS, The origin of gospel music can be traced back to
7 African-American spirituals written by slaves to express their
8 religious faith while in bondage; and

9 WHEREAS, Other unique American musical styles such as
10 ragtime, jazz and blues would go on to shape this music into the
11 well-known form of gospel music celebrated today; and

12 WHEREAS, Philadelphia served as a creative center of gospel
13 music and was home to musical talents such as Reverend Charles
14 Albert Tindley, the Clara Ward Singers and the Dixie
15 Hummingbirds; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition to religious musical styles, gospel
17 music has influenced the development of secular musical styles

1 such as rock and roll, country, soul, rhythm and blues and many
2 others; and

3 WHEREAS, Since the 20th century, gospel music has inspired
4 some of America's greatest musical artists, including Sam Cooke,
5 Al Green, Elvis Presley, Marvin Gaye, Aretha Franklin, Whitney
6 Houston, Little Richard, Ray Charles, Buddy Holly, Alan Jackson,
7 Dolly Parton, Mariah Carey, Bob Dylan and Randy Travis; and

8 WHEREAS, Gospel music has grown beyond its roots to become a
9 cornerstone of the American musical tradition, heavily
10 influencing the development of popular culture; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, gospel music is celebrated by residents
12 throughout this Commonwealth and by multitudes of diverse music
13 lovers worldwide; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
15 week of December 14 through 20, 2015, as "Gospel Music Week" in
16 Pennsylvania.