
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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OCTOBER 3, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Fairmount Park as the "2001 Commonwealth Treasure of
2 the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission."

3 WHEREAS, Since its creation in the mid-19th century,
4 Fairmount Park has been an asset to the citizens of this
5 Commonwealth and countless tourists who have benefited from its
6 architectural, historical, cultural and ecological legacy; and

7 WHEREAS, Fairmount Park, with its winding paths, framed
8 vistas and open spaces, is an excellent example of American
9 Romantic design and incorporates design innovations by American
10 landscape pioneers Andrew Jackson Downing, Frederic Law Olmstead
11 and Calvert Vaux; and

12 WHEREAS, Fairmount Park features structures constructed over
13 three centuries, including Georgian and Federal mansions on
14 their original sites, and noteworthy structures combining 19th-

1 century engineering innovations with historic Revival styles as
2 well as gardens, fountains and roads from the 1876 Centennial
3 Exhibition, the Zoological Gardens and a spectacular collection
4 of outdoor sculpture; and

5 WHEREAS, Fairmount Park was designated as a National Register
6 District in 1972, and six sites within the park have been named
7 as National Historic Landmarks: Mount Pleasant, Woodford Hall,
8 Memorial Hall, the Fairmount Water Works, Boathouse Row and
9 Rittenhouse Town; and

10 WHEREAS, Fairmount Park, the largest municipal park in the
11 world, is home to thousands of species of birds, plants, fish
12 and mammals and serves as a wildlife preserve; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
14 Fairmount Park as the "2001 Commonwealth Treasure of the
15 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission" in honor of its
16 enduring legacy.