
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 30, 2002

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to
2 designate the Philadelphia Museum of Art as the 2002
3 Commonwealth Treasure of the Pennsylvania Historical and
4 Museum Commission.

5 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Museum of Art in the City of
6 Philadelphia has been recognized nationally and internationally
7 as one of the world's most important and admired museums; and

8 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Museum of Art, which opened in
9 1877, embodies Pennsylvania's most ambitious cultural
10 aspirations; and

11 WHEREAS, Considered one of the finest museums in the United

1 States, the Philadelphia Museum of Art displays, preserves and
2 interprets a collection of more than 300,000 works of art; and

3 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Museum of Art serves more than
4 850,000 visitors annually and serves countless others by sharing
5 its collections with museums and historical organizations
6 worldwide through loans and touring exhibitions; and

7 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Museum of Art's current building,
8 opened in 1928, has become a world-renowned landmark in the city
9 of Philadelphia; and

10 WHEREAS, The Greek Revival architecture dominates the skyline
11 on the western edge of the city and the banks of the Schuylkill
12 River; and

13 WHEREAS, This highly visible site highlights the many complex
14 layers of meaning and significance the museum and its priceless
15 collections hold for the community, this Commonwealth and
16 everyone interested in human creativity; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the
18 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to designate the
19 Philadelphia Museum of Art as the 2002 Commonwealth Treasure of
20 the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and recognize
21 the museum as a truly outstanding historic and cultural site
22 worthy of this designation, valued throughout our Commonwealth
23 and the world.