
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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OCTOBER 3, 2002

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 3, 2002

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring the week of December 11 through 17, 2002, as "Bill of
2 Rights Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States, while being
4 an extraordinary map for self-government when it was first
5 drafted, did not contain a specific proclamation of the rights
6 of an individual; and

7 WHEREAS, In response to the Constitution's lack of such a
8 declaration, the first ten amendments, known as the Bill of
9 Rights, were ratified; and

10 WHEREAS, The Bill of Rights guarantees the most fundamental
11 individual freedoms of the American people and has been crucial
12 to the legal and political development of the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, The Declaration of Rights of the Constitution of

1 Pennsylvania also affirms and protects the inalienable rights
2 all citizens enjoy; and

3 WHEREAS, Students across this Commonwealth should be taught
4 about the importance and purpose of the rights declared by the
5 Federal and State Constitutions; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare the week
7 of December 11 through 17, 2002, as "Bill of Rights Week" in
8 Pennsylvania and urge all people, especially students, to
9 reflect on the significance and effect of these declarations of
10 rights.