
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 798 Session of
2004

INTRODUCED BY LEDERER, MCGEEHAN, NAILOR, PALLONE, SAYLOR, BAKER,
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WATERS, WATSON, WEBER AND WOJNAROSKI, JUNE 21, 2004

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 21, 2004

A RESOLUTION

1 Observing July 4, 2004, as "Let Freedom Ring Day" and
2 encouraging Pennsylvania to participate in the National Bell
3 Ringing Ceremony that will occur on that day.

4 WHEREAS, When getting together with family and friends to
5 celebrate the 4th of July, it is sometimes easy to forget the
6 fundamental principles underlying the celebration; and

7 WHEREAS, The "Let Freedom Ring" National Bell Ringing
8 Ceremony was established by Congress in 1963 to remind Americans
9 of the bravery, courage, commitment and wisdom of the men and
10 women who fought to create and preserve this nation; and

11 WHEREAS, Bell ringing announced our Declaration of
12 Independence in 1776 in Philadelphia at the Liberty Bell, and
13 the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution now sponsors
14 the "Let Freedom Ring" National Bell Ringing Ceremony each year
15 on July 4; and

1 WHEREAS, Participating bells this year are being rung at
2 1,500 locations around the country, including Independence Hall
3 in Philadelphia, UAL Flight 93 Memorial Chapel in Shanksville,
4 Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia, Paoli Battleground in Malvern,
5 Heinz Chapel at the University of Pittsburgh, the National
6 Cathedral in Washington, DC, Washington Memorial Chapel in
7 Valley Forge National Historical Park, on all commissioned ships
8 of the United States Navy, Coast Guard and the merchant marine
9 and at churches, synagogues, government buildings and carillons
10 across the country; and

11 WHEREAS, All Pennsylvanians are encouraged to ring a bell 13
12 times at 2 p.m. on July 4 to observe the meaning and spirit of
13 Independence Day; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That July 4, 2004, be observed as "Let Freedom Ring
15 Day"; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That all Pennsylvanians be encouraged to
17 participate in the National Bell Ringing Ceremony by ringing a
18 bell 13 times at 2 p.m. on July 4; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be distributed to
20 the news media throughout this Commonwealth.