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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 182 Session of  
2007

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INTRODUCED BY PETRONE, ARGALL, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BIANCUCCI, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CAUSER, CLYMER, COHEN, COSTA, CREIGHTON, DALLY, DeLUCA, DePASQUALE, DeWEESE, DiGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, FREEMAN, GABIG, GALLOWAY, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHART, HARKINS, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, KAUFFMAN, W. KELLER, KENNEY, KILLION, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, KOTIK, KULA, LEVDANSKY, MAJOR, MANDERINO, MANN, MANTZ, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, McILHATTAN, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MOYER, MURT, MUSTIO, MYERS, M. O'BRIEN, PALLONE, PAYNE, PETRARCA, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, QUIGLEY, QUINN, RAMALEY, RAPP, READSHAW, REED, REICHLEY, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SEIP, SOLOBAY, SONNEY, STERN, SURRA, TANGRETTI, THOMAS, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, WATSON, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK AND McGEEHAN, APRIL 5, 2007

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 5, 2007

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Knights of Columbus on the occasion of the 125th  
2 anniversary of its founding.

3 WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus was founded by a 29-year-old  
4 parish priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, and a small group of  
5 Catholic laymen at Saint Mary's Church in New Haven,  
6 Connecticut, in 1882 and received its charter from the State of  
7 Connecticut on March 29 of that year; and

8 WHEREAS, The organization was named in honor of Christopher  
9 Columbus and is dedicated to the principles of charity, unity,  
10 fraternity and patriotism; and

11 WHEREAS, In founding the Knights of Columbus, Father McGivney

1 aspired to help Catholic men remain steadfast in their faith  
2 through encouragement, while establishing a basic system of  
3 insurance so that immigrant families would not face destitution  
4 if the breadwinner died; and

5 WHEREAS, Father McGivney's foresight, leadership and  
6 administrative drive brought about what has become the world's  
7 foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society; and

8 WHEREAS, Father McGivney dedicated his life to the spiritual  
9 and physical welfare of others and is actively being considered  
10 for the honor and dignity of sainthood by the Catholic Church;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus has grown from several  
13 members in one council to more than 1.7 million members in  
14 13,000 councils throughout the United States, Canada, the  
15 Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto  
16 Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Guam  
17 and Saipan; and

18 WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus has consistently held to its  
19 founding objectives by helping families obtain economic security  
20 and stability through its life insurance, annuity and long-term-  
21 care programs; and

22 WHEREAS, The organization has annually donated financial and  
23 volunteer assistance to countless worthy initiatives, including  
24 more than \$139 million and 64 million service hours in its most  
25 recent annual tabulation; and

26 WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus has contributed more than  
27 \$1.2 billion to charity and more than 574 million hours of  
28 volunteer service in support of charitable causes during the  
29 past decade; and

30 WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus has embodied a spirit of

1 patriotism in its actions in support of the United States  
2 military and servicepersons; and

3 WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus has fostered among its  
4 members a high degree of faithful citizenship and a spirit of  
5 charitable service; and

6 WHEREAS, There are more than 66,000 members of the  
7 Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus who have contributed financial  
8 assistance as well as time and energy to charitable endeavors in  
9 communities throughout this Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus recently commenced a  
11 yearlong observance of the 125th anniversary of its  
12 establishment; and

13 WHEREAS, Knights of Columbus councils throughout the world  
14 will be joining in this celebration of 125 years of service,  
15 faith and fraternity; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
17 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognize and honor the  
18 accomplishments of the Knights of Columbus, including its  
19 service and support to its members and their families, local  
20 communities and society at large on the occasion of the 125th  
21 anniversary of its founding; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
23 the Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus and to the State  
24 Deputy of the Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus.