

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 223 Session of 2007

INTRODUCED BY CLYMER, ADOLPH, ARGALL, BAKER, BEAR, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BEYER, BOBACK, BOYD, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CAUSER, COHEN, CONKLIN, CREIGHTON, DALEY, DeLUCA, DeWEESE, DiGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GALLOWAY, GEIST, GEORGE, GERGELY, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, HARHART, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HESS, JAMES, KAUFFMAN, W. KELLER, KORTZ, KULA, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANN, MANTZ, MARSICO, McILHATTAN, MILLARD, MOYER, MURT, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PAYNE, PEIFER, PETRI, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, QUINN, RAMALEY, RAPP, READSHAW, REED, REICHLEY, ROHRER, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, S. H. SMITH, SOLOBAY, SONNEY, R. STEVENSON, SWANGER, THOMAS, TRUE, TURZAI, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WATSON, WHEATLEY, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD AND YUDICHAK, APRIL 18, 2007

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 18, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the designation of the  
2 official flag of the Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, On June 13, 1907, Governor Edwin S. Stuart signed  
4 into law Act 373 designating the official flag of the  
5 Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Section 1 of Act 373 of 1907 provides that the  
7 official flag of the Commonwealth be of the same color as the  
8 blue in the flag of the United States, that the Coat of Arms of  
9 the Commonwealth be in the center of the flag and that its edges  
10 be trimmed with a fringe of knotted silk; and

11 WHEREAS, The official flag of the Commonwealth is truly

1 representative of the heritage of the Keystone State; and  
2 WHEREAS, The first State flag bearing the Pennsylvania Coat  
3 of Arms was authorized by the General Assembly in 1799; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1861 the General Assembly directed Governor  
5 Andrew Curtin to procure regimental flags bearing the arms of  
6 the Commonwealth, which were modeled after the United States  
7 flag, with the Pennsylvania Coat of Arms substituting for the  
8 field of stars; and

9 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Coat of Arms consists of a shield  
10 displaying the emblems of the State Seal--the ship, the plow and  
11 sheaves of wheat--crested by an eagle and flanked by two black  
12 horses; and

13 WHEREAS, An olive branch and a corn stalk cross beneath the  
14 shield and the State motto, "Virtue, Liberty and Independence,"  
15 is festooned below; and

16 WHEREAS, The official flag of the Commonwealth is flown from  
17 all State buildings and many public buildings within this  
18 Commonwealth; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the  
20 100th anniversary of the designation of the official flag of the  
21 Commonwealth.