

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 647 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY READSHAW, BRENNAN, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK,  
FREEMAN, GEORGE, GOODMAN, HERSHEY, KORTZ, MANTZ, MARKOSEK,  
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MILNE, MOYER, MURT, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PAYNE,  
PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PYLE, ROSS, RUBLEY, SANTONI, SONNEY,  
SWANGER, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, WALKO, WATSON, WOJNAROSKI AND  
D. O'BRIEN, MARCH 17, 2008

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 17, 2008

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 6, 2008, as "Tartan Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, On April 6, 1320, the Scottish Parliament, meeting  
3 at Arbroath Abbey, sent a declaration to Pope John XXII that  
4 asserted the independence of Scotland and recited the services  
5 that their "Lord and sovereign, Robert the Bruce had rendered";  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The declaration of Scottish independence, known as  
8 the Declaration of Arbroath, stated "for we fight not for glory,  
9 nor riches, nor honours, but for freedom alone, which no good  
10 man gives up except for his life"; and

11 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania possesses a rich  
12 history, filled with the character and strength of a truly  
13 diverse population; and

14 WHEREAS, Within our society, the contributions of Scottish

1 Americans are varied and plentiful, and hundreds of thousands of  
2 Scottish Americans are proud to call Pennsylvania their home;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, In July 1776, members of the Continental Congress  
5 declared their independence from England and formed the United  
6 States of America; and

7 WHEREAS, As a country born from revolution and a belief in  
8 freedom for all, it is appropriate to celebrate and recognize  
9 these values throughout the world; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the centuries the contributions of Scottish  
11 Americans to the growth and prosperity of our nation are well  
12 documented; and

13 WHEREAS, Today over 6 million Americans of Scottish descent  
14 reside within our borders and continue to donate to a future  
15 filled with hope, possibility and boundless horizons; therefore  
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April  
18 6, 2008, as "Tartan Day" in Pennsylvania.