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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 838 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY CURRY, BELFANTI, BEYER, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DALEY, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FLECK, FRANKEL, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HELM, HERSHEY, JAMES, KOTIK, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANN, MANTZ, MCGEEHAN, MELIO, MILLARD, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, PALLONE, PARKER, PAYNE, PETRONE, PHILLIPS, QUINN, RAMALEY, RAPP, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROCK, ROSS, SAINATO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, STABACK, SWANGER, THOMAS, TRUE, VULAKOVICH, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD AND KORTZ, JUNE 30, 2008

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 30, 2008

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A RESOLUTION

1 Observing July 4, 2008, 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

1 on July 4; and

2 WHEREAS, Participating bells this year are being rung at  
3 thousands of locations around the country, including  
4 Independence Hall in Philadelphia, UAL Flight 93 Memorial Chapel  
5 in Shanksville, Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia, the Borough of  
6 Sellersville, the National Cathedral in Washington, DC,  
7 Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge National Historical  
8 Park, on all commissioned ships of the United States Navy, Coast  
9 Guard and the merchant marine and at churches, synagogues,  
10 government buildings and carillons 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, 2008, 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.