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2011

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 14, 2011, as "National Flag Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, On June 14, 2011, Americans will observe the 234th  
4 anniversary of the flag of the United States of America; and

5 WHEREAS, This special day provides a time for the residents  
6 of this Commonwealth to reflect on the rich history of our  
7 nation's flag and its meaning to Americans and people around the  
8 world; and

9 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America are deeply committed to  
10 preserving the American tradition of honoring National Flag Day;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The Continental Congress adopted the Stars and  
13 Stripes as the official flag of the United States on June 14,  
14 1777; and

1 WHEREAS, Describing the new flag, the Congress wrote, "White  
2 signifies Purity and Innocence; Red, Hardiness and Valor; Blue  
3 signifies Vigilance, Perseverance and Justice"; and

4 WHEREAS, Over time, the flag's design evolved to keep pace  
5 with our nation's development and growth, but its meaning as a  
6 symbol of democracy and freedom has remained constant; and

7 WHEREAS, Flag Day was first celebrated throughout the country  
8 in 1877; and

9 WHEREAS, As so often happens in our communities, a caring  
10 teacher encouraging students to develop a love for learning  
11 sparked renewed interest in the flag; and

12 WHEREAS, Wisconsin schoolteacher B.J. Cigrand arranged for  
13 his pupils in 1885 to observe the 108th anniversary of the  
14 flag's official adoption; and

15 WHEREAS, In magazine and newspaper articles and public  
16 addresses in the following years, Cigrand promoted an official  
17 national celebration of June 14 as Flag Birthday or Flag Day;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Groups in Pennsylvania, New York and Illinois took  
20 up the cause, and after three decades of state and local  
21 celebrations, President Woodrow Wilson officially established  
22 Flag Day by proclamation in 1916; and

23 WHEREAS, During World War II, Americans looked to the purity,  
24 hardiness, valor, vigilance, perseverance and justice  
25 represented by the flag as ideals worthy of the ultimate  
26 sacrifice in order to defeat tyranny; and

27 WHEREAS, In celebration of the flag's powerful meaning to  
28 Americans and its place in our culture and history, Flag Day  
29 became a national observance by act of Congress in 1949 and  
30 signed into law by President Harry Truman; and

1       WHEREAS, On August 3, 1949, to commemorate the adoption of  
2 the American flag, Congress, by joint resolution, designated  
3 June 14 of each year as Flag Day and requested the president to  
4 issue an annual proclamation calling for a national observance  
5 and for the display of the flag of the United States on all  
6 Federal Government buildings; and

7       WHEREAS, In a second joint resolution approved June 9, 1966,  
8 Congress requested the president to issue annually a  
9 proclamation designating the week during which June 14 falls as  
10 National Flag Week and called upon all citizens of the United  
11 States to display the flag during that week; therefore be it

12       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize June  
13 14, 2011, as "National Flag Day" in Pennsylvania.