
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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TAYLOR, THOMAS, VEREB AND YOUNGBLOOD, JUNE 22, 2011

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE
22, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring William Penn and Hannah Callowhill Penn and endorsing
2 the construction of a Penn Memorial at the Independence Mall
3 National Historical Park in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, William Penn and Hannah Callowhill Penn made
5 significant contributions to the foundation of the United States
6 of America and to the human condition with the establishment of
7 the 1682 "Holy Experiment"; and

8 WHEREAS, William and Hannah Penn are two of only seven people
9 ever granted Honorary Citizenship by the Congress of the United
10 States; and

11 WHEREAS, The William Penn Tercentenary drew commemorations
12 from at least 16 states, the Ambassador from Great Britain and
13 other international dignitaries to honor and recognize William
14 Penn as "one of the great men of his age and of all time" and
15 his 1682 "Holy Experiment" in government as "the keystone of the

1 rich philosophy later adopted by the fathers of the Constitution
2 of the United States"; and

3 WHEREAS, In Penn's promotion of the ideals of the new colony
4 of Pennsylvania throughout Europe, "the American Dream" and its
5 idealization as a melting pot was established and still impacts
6 the world today; and

7 WHEREAS, The 1682 Treaty of Friendship with the Native
8 Americans, more widely known as the Shackamaxon Treaty, became a
9 universal historical symbol of religious and civil liberties and
10 is one of the few events in American history noted for its just
11 and fair treatment of peoples of different cultures; and

12 WHEREAS, William Penn was directly involved in the founding
13 of three of the original 13 colonies, specifically Delaware,
14 Pennsylvania and New Jersey, which became the first three states
15 to ratify the Constitution of the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, William Penn initiated the first call for a "united
17 states" in his 1696 "A Plan for Union for the English Colonies
18 in America"; and

19 WHEREAS, William Penn developed the first practical plan for
20 world peace and a "united nations" in 1693, which was 251 years
21 before the United Nations was established; and

22 WHEREAS, Hannah Callowhill Penn became the first female
23 Governor and Proprietor in the New World and of its largest and
24 most prosperous colony, served effectively for 14 years and set
25 the course of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the mid-
26 1750s; and

27 WHEREAS, William Penn had a direct influence on popular
28 national symbols, including the Liberty Bell and Independence
29 Hall, as well as the United States Constitution, which are all
30 included in the Independence Mall National Historic Park in

1 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

2 WHEREAS, The Liberty Bell was originally a 50th Anniversary
3 commemoration of Penn's 1701 Charter of Privileges, the most
4 democratic document in the world at that time, before
5 transforming into its present stature as an international symbol
6 of freedom, liberty and independence; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor William
8 Penn and Hannah Callowhill Penn for their impact and
9 contributions to Pennsylvania and to the foundation of the
10 United States of America; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives endorse the
12 construction of a Penn Memorial at the Independence Mall
13 National Historical Park in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to honor
14 and recognize the accomplishments and impact of William Penn and
15 Hannah Callowhill Penn; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a copy of the resolution be transmitted to the
17 President of the United States, the presiding officers of each
18 house of Congress, each member of Congress from Pennsylvania and
19 the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior.