
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 7, 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
16 rich philosophy later adopted by the fathers of the Constitution
17 of the United States"; and

18 WHEREAS, In Penn's promotion of the ideals of the new colony

1 of Pennsylvania throughout Europe, "the American Dream" and its
2 idealization as a melting pot was established and still impacts
3 the world today; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 WHEREAS, The Liberty Bell was originally a 50th Anniversary
30 commemoration of Penn's 1701 Charter of Privileges, the most

1 democratic document in the world at that time, before
2 transforming into its present stature as an international symbol
3 of freedom, liberty and independence; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor William Penn and Hannah
5 Callowhill Penn for their impact and contributions to
6 Pennsylvania and to the foundation of the United States of
7 America; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate endorse the construction of a Penn
9 Memorial at the Independence Mall National Historical Park in
10 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to honor and recognize the
11 accomplishments and impact of William Penn and Hannah Callowhill
12 Penn; and be it further

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