
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MAHONEY, V. BROWN, FLECK, QUINN AND MCCARTER, MARCH 10, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, MARCH 10, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 2014 as "SAG-AFTRA Month" in Pennsylvania and
2 recognizing the artistic and economic contributions of SAG-
3 AFTRA members' work in the news media and the entertainment
4 industry.

5 WHEREAS, The Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation
6 of Television and Radio Artists were each formed in the 1930s
7 and merged in 2012 to form SAG-AFTRA; and

8 WHEREAS, SAG-AFTRA represents more than 160,000 members who
9 work as actors, broadcast journalists, dancers, television and
10 radio announcers, news editors, program hosts, puppeteers,
11 recording artists, singers, voice-over artists and other media
12 professionals; and

13 WHEREAS, SAG-AFTRA members work in movies, television and
14 radio, on the Internet and in other forms of media distribution;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, SAG-AFTRA works on behalf of its members to secure
17 the strongest possible protections for media artists, including

1 organizing all work done under its jurisdiction; negotiating
2 better wages, working conditions and health and pension benefits
3 for its members; protecting and expanding job opportunities of
4 members; enforcing member contracts; and protecting members
5 against unauthorized use of their work product; and

6 WHEREAS, SAG-AFTRA is a member of the American Federation of
7 Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations that works
8 closely with other unions to seek protection for media artists
9 in the United States and abroad; and

10 WHEREAS, The SAG-AFTRA Philadelphia Local represents members
11 in eastern Pennsylvania and the SAG-AFTRA Ohio-Pittsburgh Local
12 represents members in western Pennsylvania; and

13 WHEREAS, The presence of a skilled professional community in
14 Pennsylvania helps to attract theatrical and commercial artistic
15 endeavors to this Commonwealth; and

16 WHEREAS, SAG-AFTRA works to create and expand job
17 opportunities for its members within this Commonwealth;
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May
20 2014 as "SAG-AFTRA Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
22 important artistic and economic contributions of SAG-AFTRA
23 members' work in the news media and the entertainment industry.