

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 709 Session of 2014

INTRODUCED BY READSHAW, CLYMER, KORTZ, PASHINSKI, O'NEILL, PAYNE, BISHOP, KIRKLAND, SACONE, FREEMAN, TALLMAN, CUTLER, COHEN, BAKER, MILLARD, MIRABITO, VEREB, SONNEY, KOTIK, MCGEEHAN, LONGIETTI, FARINA, MAJOR, SCAVELLO, TOEPEL, HARKINS, COX, DAVIS, DIGIROLAMO, JAMES, CALTAGIRONE, BIZZARRO, P. DALEY, STERN, MUSTIO, ROSS, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HAHN, NEILSON, WHITE, BOBACK, SCHLEGEL CULVER, MAHONEY, LUCAS, C. HARRIS, YOUNGBLOOD, METCALFE, FEE, THOMAS, SWANGER, DENLINGER, MARSHALL, GINGRICH, ROCK, GROVE, GOODMAN, MARSICO, HARHART AND EVERETT, MARCH 17, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 17, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the occasion of the 200th anniversary of "The Star
2 Spangled Banner" and its importance to the people of the
3 United States and this Commonwealth.

4 WHEREAS, Our national anthem, The Star Spangled Banner, was
5 written during the War of 1812; and

6 WHEREAS, After a sustained 25-hour bombardment by the British
7 Royal Navy on Fort McHenry between September 13 and 14, 1814, a
8 large 15-star, 15-stripe American flag was raised over the fort;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, An American lawyer, Francis Scott Key, witnessed the
11 siege from a British ship while negotiating the release of a
12 captured American doctor; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Key wrote a four-stanza poem recounting the
14 heroic defense of Fort McHenry and the City of Baltimore from

1 invasion, representing a turning point in the War of 1812; and

2 WHEREAS, The first stanza of the poem written by Mr. Key was
3 adopted as the national anthem of the United States on March 3,
4 1931; and

5 WHEREAS, The Star Spangled Banner recounts an important
6 moment in the nation's history and symbolizes the resilience and
7 perseverance of the American people and our willingness to
8 defend our freedom; and

9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth adopted September 14 as National
10 Anthem Day in 1947; and

11 WHEREAS, The year 2014 marks the bicentennial of The Star
12 Spangled Banner; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
14 occasion of the 200th anniversary of "The Star Spangled Banner"
15 and its importance to the people of the United States and this
16 Commonwealth.