## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 52

Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY STACK, RAFFERTY, KITCHEN, WASHINGTON, ERICKSON, BREWSTER, TOMLINSON, MENSCH, FERLO, GREENLEAF, TEPLITZ, BROWNE, TARTAGLIONE, VULAKOVICH, KASUNIC, ROBBINS, BAKER, FONTANA, WOZNIAK, SMITH, FARNESE, SCHWANK, HUGHES, SOLOBAY, PILEGGI, WHITE, ARGALL, FOLMER, ALLOWAY AND BRUBAKER, MARCH 12, 2013

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MARCH 12, 2013

## A RESOLUTION

- Designating March 2013 as "Irish American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, On March 17, 2013, the Irish community in this
- 4 Commonwealth will celebrate the occasion of the feast of the
- 5 glorious Apostle of Ireland, Saint Patrick; and
- 6 WHEREAS, "The Philadelphia Irish Memorial: A Decade of
- 7 Remembrance" will be this year's theme; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Fleeing political, religious and racial persecution
- 9 in their homeland, Irish immigrants arrived on our shores
- 10 penniless and unwanted, yet filled with hope that America held a
- 11 future in which they and their children would enjoy the
- 12 bountiful fruits of a nation founded upon the principles of
- 13 liberty and justice for all; and
- 14 WHEREAS, In every phase of our national history, Irish
- 15 Americans have taken their place at the forefront in the
- 16 political, economic, religious, social and artistic fields; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Their contribution to the good and welfare of this
- 2 Commonwealth is immeasurable and unflinching; therefore be it
- 3 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate March 2013 as "Irish
- 4 American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania and extend its
- 5 felicitations and best wishes to the Irish community in this
- 6 Commonwealth on this occasion; and be it further
- 7 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to
- 8 Francis J. Moran, Esq., The Society of the Friendly Sons of St.
- 9 Patrick, P.O. Box 969, Dublin, Pennsylvania 18917; Stephen M.
- 10 Hladick, Esq., Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, 425 W. Main Street,
- 11 Lansdale, Pennsylvania 19446-0029; and Bob Gessler, St.
- 12 Patrick's Day Observance Association, P.O. Box 40744,
- 13 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.