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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY STACK, WASHINGTON, FERLO, FARNESE, GREENLEAF,  
TARTAGLIONE, DINNIMAN, ERICKSON, SCHWANK, COSTA, KASUNIC,  
VULAKOVICH, SMITH, HUGHES, WOZNIAK, KITCHEN, YUDICHAK,  
RAFFERTY, SOLOBAY, BAKER AND ALLOWAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 6, 2014, as "Pulaski Memorial Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania commemorating the 235th anniversary of his death  
3 in 1779.

4 WHEREAS, General Casimir Pulaski was born March 6, 1745, in  
5 Warsaw, Poland; and

6 WHEREAS, General Pulaski was a true patriot committed to the  
7 defense of freedom and the sovereignty of nations; and

8 WHEREAS, General Pulaski, who fought against Russian,  
9 Austrian and Prussian control of Poland, was forced to flee his  
10 country for France, where he met and became a close friend of  
11 the American representative and statesman Benjamin Franklin; and

12 WHEREAS, General Pulaski joined the Continental Army and  
13 proved himself to be a brilliant tactician and leader; and

14 WHEREAS, General Pulaski's valiant skills and services to the  
15 American Revolution brought him honor and acclaim; and

16 WHEREAS, Named General of the Cavalry on September 15, 1777,  
17 General Pulaski earned the title of "Father of the American

1 Cavalry"; and

2 WHEREAS, General Pulaski commanded the cavalry in battles at  
3 Brandywine and Germantown; and

4 WHEREAS, In May 1779 General Pulaski contributed to the  
5 successful defense of Charleston, South Carolina, against a  
6 larger British force, breaking British momentum and boosting the  
7 morale of American troops; and

8 WHEREAS, In October 1779 General Pulaski led a charge behind  
9 the French line of infantry to break the British defense in the  
10 siege of Savannah, Georgia, where he was mortally wounded; and

11 WHEREAS, General Pulaski's lifework and ideals are a source  
12 of strength and pride to Americans of Polish ancestry and  
13 reflect the customs and culture of the Polish people; therefore  
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate October 6, 2014, as  
16 "Pulaski Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania commemorating the 235th  
17 anniversary of his death in 1779; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate extend best wishes to the Polish  
19 American community in Philadelphia on the 81st anniversary of  
20 the Pulaski Day Parade.