

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 685 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY GOODMAN, BAKER, BARBIN, V. BROWN, COHEN, D. COSTA, M. DALEY, DIGIROLAMO, DRISCOLL, ELLIS, GABLER, GERGELY, HEFFLEY, JOZWIAK, KAVULICH, KIM, KIRKLAND, KNOWLES, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MARSICO, MATZIE, McNEILL, MILLARD, MURT, NEILSON, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PICKETT, READSHAW, ROSS, ROZZI, SCHLOSSBERG, THOMAS, VEREB, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD AND GROVE, FEBRUARY 9, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 9, 2016

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 16, 2016, as "Lithuanian Independence Day"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, On February 16, 1918, Lithuania declared itself an  
4 independent nation, adopting a democratic parliamentary  
5 constitution and enacting broad reforms to modernize the  
6 country; and

7 WHEREAS, Following a brief period of freedom, Lithuania was  
8 invaded by the Soviet Union in 1940 and remained under Soviet  
9 control for the next 50 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Lithuania once again became free and independent in  
11 September 1991, electing a democratic government and holding its  
12 first presidential election on February 14, 1993; and

13 WHEREAS, Act 17 of 1989 designated February 16 of each year  
14 as "Lithuanian Independence Day" in order to publicly recognize  
15 the outstanding contributions made by the Lithuanian people to

1 the heritage of America and this Commonwealth; therefore be it  
2       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
3 February 16, 2016, as "Lithuanian Independence Day" in  
4 Pennsylvania on the anniversary of the momentous occasion of  
5 Lithuania's independence and note with respect and admiration  
6 the struggle of the Lithuanian people for freedom in their  
7 homeland.