
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 19, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 22 through 28, 2016, as "Character
2 Development Reminder Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Constitution of Pennsylvania, this
4 Commonwealth's foundational document, recognizes and celebrates
5 some of the qualities of character which are fundamental to the
6 success of representative democracy, including peace, faith,
7 tolerance and respect; and

8 WHEREAS, Recognition and promotion of exemplary character is
9 an important part of the fabric of State government; and

10 WHEREAS, There are numerous House resolutions introduced to
11 honor the character of individuals and institutions; and

12 WHEREAS, The figures over the second floor entrance to the
13 House Chamber represent "Truth" and "Justice"; and

14 WHEREAS, The William Penn quote inscribed around the State
15 Capitol Rotunda includes the reminder, "That we may do the thing
16 that is truly wise and just"; and

17 WHEREAS, The statuary figures located to the left of the main

1 doors to the State Capitol Building are entitled "Labor and
2 Love/The Unbroken Law" and represent work and brotherhood; and

3 WHEREAS, The painting entitled "Divine Law," above the center
4 door of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court chamber, includes the
5 words "love" and "wisdom"; and

6 WHEREAS, Character reflects those universal principles of
7 moral strength and integrity that lead to good people and good
8 societies; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
10 week of May 22 through 28, 2016, as "Character Development
11 Reminder Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives promote character
13 development for the mutual benefit of both individuals and civil
14 society; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
16 the Department of Education of the Commonwealth in order to
17 promote character development in Pennsylvania schools.