
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 733 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY CONKLIN, BARBIN, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE, DERMODY,
DIGIROLAMO, DRISCOLL, EVERETT, HARKINS, HENNESSEY, HILL-
EVANS, IRVIN, JAMES, KAUFFMAN, KAVULICH, KLUNK, KNOWLES,
KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MARSICO, MENTZER, MILLARD, NEILSON,
PASHINSKI, PICKETT, RYAN, SAINATO, SANKEY, SAYLOR, SCHWEYER,
STURLA, THOMAS, TOPPER, VAZQUEZ, WATSON, TOOHL, BENNINGHOFF
AND HICKERNELL, MARCH 9, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 9, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Benevolent and
2 Protective Order of Elks.

3 WHEREAS, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was
4 founded in New York City on February 16, 1868, by Charles
5 Algernon Sidney Vivian; and

6 WHEREAS, The Elks is a fraternal organization established for
7 social and philanthropic engagement that is dedicated to
8 charity, justice and patriotism; and

9 WHEREAS, In March 1868, the Elks began their philanthropic
10 work in this Commonwealth with the establishment of their second
11 lodge in Philadelphia; and

12 WHEREAS, On March 8, 1906, the Pennsylvania Elks State
13 Association was formed, encompassing more than 70 lodges in this
14 Commonwealth; and

15 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Elks has disbursed more

1 than \$3.6 billion in cash donations, goods and services to the
2 nation's veterans, disadvantaged persons, persons with
3 disabilities and civic programs; and

4 WHEREAS, In an effort to support youth programs, drug
5 awareness campaigns and programs for military, veterans and
6 homeless veterans, the Elks raised nearly \$7 million in 2017;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The Elks dedication to the community at large and
9 numerous worthy causes has demonstrated the organization's
10 invaluable contributions to this Commonwealth; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
12 150th anniversary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of
13 Elks.