

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# SENATE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and achievements of Andrew Wyeth, one of  
2 America's best-known 20th century artists.

3 WHEREAS, Andrew Wyeth was born on July 12, 1917, in Chadds  
4 Ford, Pennsylvania, the fifth child of Carolyn and Newell  
5 Convers Wyeth, the great illustrator; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Wyeth's lifespan encompassed World War I, a  
7 period that sparked the imagination of the artist as a young  
8 boy, to the new millennium; and

9 WHEREAS, From 1935 through 1949, Mr. Wyeth became an emerging  
10 presence in the art world, creating colorful, expressive  
11 watercolors of the Maine coast; and

12 WHEREAS, During the 1950s, Mr. Wyeth focused his attention on  
13 the landscape around his homes in Maine and Chadds Ford, where  
14 he often painted the Kuerner Farm; and

15 WHEREAS, By 1968, Mr. Wyeth, recognized as one of America's  
16 most famous artists, began to explore the realm of erotic art;  
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18 WHEREAS, Mr. Wyeth's Helga paintings were famously kept

secret until the mid-1980s, when their revelation created a national sensation; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in 1989, Mr. Wyeth's work became particularly self-reflective and often enigmatic, infused with a surreal quality; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wyeth painted many of his most important works in his Chadds Ford studio, which served as his principal Pennsylvania workplace from 1940 through 2008; and

WHEREAS, The Andrew Wyeth Studio is a National Historic Landmark and a member site of the Historic Artists' Homes and Studios program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, The Brandywine River Museum of Art, referred to as the Andrew Wyeth Museum, is home to Mr. Wyeth's studio and the Kuerner Farm, a major source of inspiration throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wyeth created thousands of paintings and drawings at Chadds Ford, inspired by its people, architecture and landscapes; and

WHEREAS, On June 24, 2017, the Brandywine River Museum of Art opened "Andrew Wyeth: In Retrospect," the first career retrospective of the artist since his death in 2009; and

WHEREAS, "Andrew Wyeth: In Retrospect" commemorates the centennial of Mr. Wyeth's birth and provides the most in-depth exhibition of his paintings and drawings to date; and

WHEREAS, On July 12, 2017, in Chadds Ford, the United States Postal Service is issuing Andrew Wyeth stamps, 12 designs slated for nationwide sale to mark the centennial of Mr. Wyeth's birth; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the life and achievements of

1 Andrew Wyeth, one of America's best-known 20th century artists;  
2 and be it further  
3       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
4 the Brandywine River Museum of Art, 1 Hoffman's Mill Road,  
5 Chadds Ford PA 19317.