
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 278 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY O'MARA, HARRIS, CALTAGIRONE, FREEMAN, SONNEY,
WILLIAMS, MILLARD, VITALI, HILL-EVANS, NEILSON, SCHLOSSBERG,
BIZZARRO, DIGIROLAMO, WARREN AND THOMAS, APRIL 30, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 30, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 4, 2019, as "Forgotten Cemetery Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, There are many graveyards and cemeteries in this
4 Commonwealth that, despite having historical significance, over
5 time have become forgotten; and

6 WHEREAS, One of these cemeteries is the Hayti Cemetery near
7 Old Marple Road in Marple Township, Delaware County; and

8 WHEREAS, The cemetery was founded in 1838 and located next to
9 an African-American church, known as the Hayti Church, which
10 burned to the ground in the early 1900s; and

11 WHEREAS, Many of the grave markers consist of rough stones
12 taken from a nearby quarry, apparently due to families of the
13 deceased not having enough money to afford masonry-carved
14 headstones; and

15 WHEREAS, It is believed that Hayti Cemetery is also the
16 resting place of several Civil War soldiers; and

17 WHEREAS, The Hayti Cemetery was abandoned in the 1930s;

1 therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 4,
3 2019, as "Forgotten Cemetery Day" in Pennsylvania.