
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Fallingwater, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
2 and the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy on
3 Fallingwater being named a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

4 WHEREAS, On July 7, 2019, the World Heritage Committee
5 officially inscribed "The 20th Century Architecture of Frank
6 Lloyd Wright," which includes Fallingwater and seven other major
7 architectural works of Frank Lloyd Wright, on the United Nations
8 Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World
9 Heritage List; and

10 WHEREAS, Fallingwater, located in Mill Run, joins
11 Independence Hall in Philadelphia as Pennsylvania's second World
12 Heritage Site; and

13 WHEREAS, Fallingwater was designed in 1935 by acclaimed
14 American architect Frank Lloyd Wright as a weekend retreat for
15 the Kaufmann Family; and

16 WHEREAS, The house is now owned by the Western Pennsylvania
17 Conservancy and has been open to the public for tours since

1 1964, hosting millions of visitors; and

2 WHEREAS, Located over a waterfall on Bear Run, Fallingwater
3 is widely considered to be one of the finest private residences
4 ever built, and has been hailed as a "harmonious union of art
5 and nature"; and

6 WHEREAS, The house has been designated a National Historic
7 Landmark and a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Treasure; and

8 WHEREAS, Fallingwater was also named the "best all-time work
9 of American architecture" in a poll of members of the American
10 Institute of Architects; and

11 WHEREAS, UNESCO considers potential World Heritage Sites
12 based on "outstanding universal value"; and

13 WHEREAS, Fallingwater is now a part of one of only 24 United
14 States inscriptions on the World Heritage List; and

15 WHEREAS, The World Heritage List nomination was spearheaded
16 by Lynda S. Waggoner, Director Emerita of Fallingwater, and the
17 Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize Fallingwater, the Western
19 Pennsylvania Conservancy and the Frank Lloyd Wright Building
20 Conservancy on Fallingwater being named a UNESCO World Heritage
21 Site.