
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2003

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 7, 2003

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 13, 2003, as "Columbus Day" in Pennsylvania
2 and recognizing the Pittsburgh Columbus Day Parade for
3 honoring Christopher Columbus's heritage and contributions to
4 the discovery of the New World.

5 WHEREAS, Christopher Columbus, an Italian explorer and
6 merchant born in Genoa, Italy, set sail from Palos, Spain, on
7 August 2, 1492, determined to realize the "Enterprise of the
8 Indies" by sailing west; and

9 WHEREAS, At the time of Columbus's travels, conventional
10 wisdom was that sailing westward would be fruitless and
11 dangerous; and

1 WHEREAS, Columbus convinced King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella
2 of Spain to provide financial support for his efforts to map out
3 a new trade route for spices from the Indies; and

4 WHEREAS, Columbus braved the perils of this journey, sailed
5 westward and discovered the New World by making landfall on
6 October 12, 1492; and

7 WHEREAS, Even at his death in 1506, Columbus was unaware of
8 the magnitude of his discovery: he died believing that he had
9 landed in the East Indies, his original destination; and

10 WHEREAS, Columbus's arrival and his discovery of a new trade
11 route were pivotal in the settlement of the New World in later
12 years; and

13 WHEREAS, President Franklin Roosevelt asked that October 12
14 be observed as "Columbus Day" and that Columbus's discovery be
15 celebrated with the recognition of "Columbus Day" on the second
16 Monday of October each year; and

17 WHEREAS, Many cities throughout the nation celebrate
18 "Columbus Day" with parades and festivities; and

19 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Columbus Day Parade, held this year
20 on Saturday, September 27, 2003, was attended by thousands of
21 citizens who gather to celebrate Columbus's heritage and his
22 discovery; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October
24 13, 2003, as "Columbus Day" in Pennsylvania and recognize the
25 Pittsburgh Columbus Day Parade for honoring Christopher
26 Columbus's heritage and contributions to the discovery of the
27 New World.