

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 21, 2013, as "John Smith Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, John Smith was an English explorer who played a
4 pivotal role in the exploration and settlement of America; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Willoughby, England, in late 1579 or early
6 1580, Smith was the first English explorer to map the Chesapeake
7 Bay area and New England, which helped ensure the success of
8 early English colonization efforts; and

9 WHEREAS, At the age of 27, Smith was one of the colonists who
10 embarked on the first Virginia Company expedition to the
11 Chesapeake region; and

12 WHEREAS, He became one of the leaders of Jamestown and
13 undertook two landmark voyages of the Chesapeake Bay; and

14 WHEREAS, John Smith is credited with saving Jamestown through
15 his leadership, organizational ability, fighting skills and
16 talent for building alliances and trading relationships with the
17 native people of the Chesapeake; and

1 WHEREAS, Upon returning to England, Smith published his
2 journals and maps, describing lush resources and his encounters
3 with the native people of the Chesapeake; and

4 WHEREAS, John Smith explored the coasts of modern day Maine
5 and Massachusetts in 1614 and 1615, for which he published maps
6 of what he coined as "New England"; and

7 WHEREAS, Although obscured by legend and lore, Smith's real
8 achievements are an instrumental part of American history; and

9 WHEREAS, John Smith died at the age of 51 in 1631; and

10 WHEREAS, John Smith was an outstanding leader, explorer,
11 diplomat and communicator who made a lasting mark on America;
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate June
14 21, 2013, as "John Smith Day" in Pennsylvania.