
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 339 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY PROBST, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, PIELLI, KHAN, SAMUELSON,
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MARCH 12, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 12, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating August 19, 2024, as "Marion Munley Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, On August 19, 1906, Marion Munley was born in
4 Buffalo, New York; and

5 WHEREAS, Marion Munley grew up in Scranton and had an early
6 interest in politics and government; and

7 WHEREAS, Marion Munley attended St. John's High School and
8 later attended Marywood College, now Marywood University, and
9 the Powell School of Business; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1928, Marion Munley organized the first
11 Democratic Women's Club in Scranton; and

12 WHEREAS, Marion Munley participated in a number of other
13 political organizations, including the Young Democrats of
14 Lackawanna County, the Blakely Democratic Club, the Jermyn
15 Democratic Club and the Women's Democratic Club of Mayfield; and

16 WHEREAS, Marion Munley married Robert Munley, who served as a
17 member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 1939

1 until his death on January 25, 1947; and

2 WHEREAS, On September 9, 1947, Marion Munley won a special
3 election to finish out her husband's term, becoming the first
4 woman elected to be a State representative from northeastern
5 Pennsylvania; and

6 WHEREAS, Marion Munley went on to be reelected eight times,
7 deciding not to run for reelection in 1964; and

8 WHEREAS, During her tenure, Marion Munley became the first
9 woman elected Democratic Caucus Secretary in the 300-year
10 history of the legislature; and

11 WHEREAS, Following her time as a member of the Pennsylvania
12 House of Representatives, Marion Munley served as the Secretary
13 of the House of Representatives from 1965 to 1966, the first and
14 only woman to hold that position; and

15 WHEREAS, Among Marion Munley's greatest legislative
16 achievements was coauthoring House Bill No. 66 (1959), which was
17 signed into law as the Equal Pay Law and which bans employers
18 from discriminating in pay on the basis of sex; and

19 WHEREAS, Marion Munley died on September 14, 1983; and

20 WHEREAS, On October 15, 2021, Marion Munley became the first
21 woman to be included in Scranton's Distinguished Citizens
22 Memorial; and

23 WHEREAS, Marion Munley left an indelible legacy, setting many
24 precedents for women and achieving legislative victories in the
25 pursuit of equality and fairness; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate August
27 19, 2024, as "Marion Munley Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
28 further

29 RESOLVED, That, as legislators, the House of Representatives
30 honor Marion Munley's memory by continuing to work toward a

1 future where all Pennsylvanians can live together as equals.