
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 523 Session of
2015

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MACKENZIE, MAJOR, ROSS, MAHONEY, GILLEN AND WARD,
OCTOBER 1, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 1, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2015 as "Archives Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The historical documents and records of our nation
4 and our Commonwealth provide a crucial link to our past; and

5 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes the growing
6 importance of maintaining its own legislative, committee and
7 individual member records for posterity; and

8 WHEREAS, For more than 35 years, the House of Representatives
9 Archives has served as the official archival repository for the
10 records of elected members, committees and administrative
11 agencies of that body; and

12 WHEREAS, These historical records and documents, if not
13 professionally collected, cataloged and preserved by dedicated
14 archivists and staff and housed in a secure location, would be

1 lost to future generations of our citizens; and

2 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives Archives seeks to share
3 the valuable historical information and documents in its
4 holdings with researchers, legislators, staff members and the
5 public; and

6 WHEREAS, These records are accessible through many programs,
7 including the collection of House Committee records from 1971 to
8 the present, an interactive online biographical directory of
9 members dating from 1875 to the present and an extensive
10 collection of more than 125 oral history interviews with
11 legislators, which include first-hand accounts of life as a
12 legislator, providing scholars and citizens alike with the
13 ability to consult and utilize these historically valuable
14 resources; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
16 invaluable contribution of its archival repository and its
17 committed staff members; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
19 month of October 2015 as "Archives Month" in Pennsylvania; and
20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
22 Pennsylvanians to visit their local archives, historical
23 repositories and libraries to learn more about the contributions
24 of historical documents and records to the discovery of the rich
25 heritage of this Commonwealth.