
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 342 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY ROSS, LAWRENCE, HENNESSEY, CORBIN, SCHWEYER,
SCHREIBER, READSHAW, VITALI, DONATUCCI, CALTAGIRONE, VEREB,
MURT, THOMAS, ENGLISH, BAKER, FARINA, MACKENZIE, MILLARD,
BOBACK, COHEN, McNEILL, O'NEILL, TALLMAN, FREEMAN, SANKEY,
WHEELAND, MARSICO, MAHONEY, CUTLER, KIRKLAND, WATSON, MAJOR,
GIBBONS, GINGRICH, D. COSTA, GROVE, PAYNE, SAYLOR, MILNE AND
GILLEN, MAY 13, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 13, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Mason-Dixon Tri-State
2 Marker boundary point for Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware
3 and celebrating the dedication of the Tri-State Marker Trail
4 on June 6, 2015.

5 WHEREAS, On June 6, 1765, British surveyors Charles Mason and
6 Jeremiah Dixon set a wooden marker at the point of intersection
7 of the west line at the northern boundary of the Province of
8 Maryland with the north line at the boundary between Maryland
9 and the lower three counties of the Province of Pennsylvania
10 that would later become Delaware; and

11 WHEREAS, The survey divided the lands of the Calverts in the
12 Province of Maryland and the lands controlled by William Penn in
13 the Province of Pennsylvania; and

14 WHEREAS, The marker was fixed to settle a long-running border
15 dispute involving tracts between the 39th and 40th parallels
16 under the original 17th century charters; and

1 WHEREAS, Surveyors still admire the accuracy of Charles Mason
2 and Jeremiah Dixon, given the instruments of the time, and honor
3 their incredible dedication and bravery as they cut their way
4 through more than 230 miles of largely untamed wilderness from
5 1763 through 1767 to complete the longest linear survey
6 undertaken in the New World; and

7 WHEREAS, On June 6, 2015, the Friends of White Clay Creek
8 Preserve and Wilmington Trail Club are celebrating the
9 accomplishments of the Mason-Dixon survey and dedicating the
10 completed northern segment of the Tri-State Marker Trail in
11 conjunction with "National Trails Day"; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
13 250th anniversary of the Mason-Dixon Tri-State Marker boundary
14 point for Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware and celebrate the
15 dedication of the Tri-State Marker Trail on June 6, 2015; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
18 the Friends of White Clay Creek Preserve, a chapter of the
19 Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation, in care of White Clay
20 Creek Preserve, 405 Sharpless Road, Landenberg, PA 19350-0172.