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It's Official — Pennsylvania Loves Philately

As the Pennsylvania primaries draw ever closer and partisan feeling approaches fever pitch, it's refreshing to note that one race has already been decided: Pennsylvania Supports Philately!

House Resolution No. 522, introduced in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on December 4, 2007, enjoyed broad support from both sides of the aisle. Introduced by Pennsylvania 68th District Representative Matthew Baker (R-68), the bill attracted no fewer than 45 co-sponsors from every corner of the Keystone State.

Lending their names to the measure along with Baker were Representatives John C. Bear (R-97), Karen D. Beyer (R-131), Joseph F. Brennan (D-133), Steven W. Cappelli (R-83), Martin T. Causer (R-67), Paul I. Clymer (R-145), Mark B. Cohen (D-202), H. Scott Conklin (D-77), Bryan Cutler (R-100), Robert C. Donatucci (D-185), Gene DiGirolamo (R-18), Garth D. Everett (R-84), John T. Galloway (D-140), Richard A. Geist (R-79), Camille Bud George (D-74), Jaret Gibbons (D-10), Mauree Gingrich (R-101), Neal Goodman (D-123), Richard T. Grucela (D-137), Julie Harhart (R-183), Susan C. Helm (R-104), Tim Hennessey (R-26), Art Hershey (R-13), Dick L. Hess (R-78), Harold James (D-186), Nick Kotik (D-45), Tim Mahoney (D-51), Sandra Major (R-111), Carl W. Mantz (R-187), Nicholas A. Micozzie (R-163), Thomas P. Murt (R-152), T. Mark Mustio (R-44), John Myers (D-201), John E. Pallone (D-54), Thomas C. Petrone (D-27), Merle H. Phillips (R-108), Tina Pickett (R-110), Sean M. Ramaley (D-16), Harry Readshaw (D-36), Douglas G. Reichley (R-134), James R. Roebuck, Jr. (D-188), Chris Sainato (D-9), Ken Smith (D-112), Edward P. Wojnarowski, Sr. (D-71), and Rosita C. Youngblood (D-198). That's 22 Democrats

and 24 Republicans standing up for stamp collecting in Pennsylvania!

The complete text of House Resolution No. 522 is posted on the Internet at <http://tinyurl.com/6lqs5a> and appears on the following page:



Holding a declaration "that the House of Representatives encourage all Pennsylvanians to recognize and celebrate the value of collecting stamps and related documents" are, from left to right, StampCamp USA Board Secretary Mrs. Teresa Sasserson, StampCamp USA Board Member Dr. Donna Mettler, Pennsylvania 68th District Representative Matthew Baker, and StampCamp USA Chief Executive Officer Mrs. Cheryl Edgcomb. Photograph by Dick Vargeson



The General Assembly of Pennsylvania

House Resolution No. 522

WHEREAS the postage stamps of the United States reflect and extol the patriotic, cultural, historic, and artistic aspects of our Commonwealth and of our Country; and

WHEREAS collecting stamps, historical mail, documents and related artifacts preserves and perpetuates our patriotism, culture, history, and art; and

WHEREAS collectors become better educated citizens through stamp collecting; and

WHEREAS research shows that children who collect are more likely to succeed in school; and

WHEREAS the stamp hobby is an activity that family members of all ages can enjoy together; and

WHEREAS collectors state that the top reasons they collect are for the history reflected in stamps and for the relaxation and relief from stress the hobby provides; and

WHEREAS the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has three excellent resources to aid our citizens, young and old, in beginning and furthering the hobby of stamp collecting; and

WHEREAS those resources are Stamp Camp USA, in Knoxville, Pennsylvania, and the American Philatelic Society and American Philatelic Research Library, headquartered jointly in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS those organizations have both a local and a national scope; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the House of Representative supports the enterprise of stamp collecting and its allied philatelic pursuits as pastimes conducive to good citizenship; and be it further

RESOLVED that the House of Representatives encourage all Pennsylvanians to recognize and celebrate the value of stamp collecting.