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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Reiterating the importance of the Revolutionary War, observing  
2 September 3, 2008, as the 225th anniversary of the signing of  
3 the Treaty of Paris that ended the Revolutionary War,  
4 reaffirming our friendship with France, Spain and Great  
5 Britain and recognizing the civic endeavors of the  
6 Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

7 WHEREAS, When daylight broke on the Lexington Green on April  
8 19, 1775, "the shot heard round the world" was fired as British  
9 soldiers and American patriots clashed and sparked the war of  
10 American Independence; and

11 WHEREAS, Delegates to the Second Continental Congress  
12 declared on July 4, 1776, that "these colonies are, and of Right  
13 ought to be Free and Independent States" and in support of that  
14 declaration mutually pledged to each other their lives, their  
15 fortunes and their sacred honor; and

16 WHEREAS, General George Washington led an army of American  
17 patriots who lacked everything but courage, shouldered every  
18 burden and adversity and persevered for eight long years in

1 battle against the British Monarchy to secure blessings of  
2 liberty for themselves and posterity; and

3 WHEREAS, The Colonials' struggle for liberty was rescued  
4 often by the largesse of France's King Louis XVI and Spain's  
5 King Carlos III and served by the daring of Europe's elite  
6 military officers, including Lafayette, Rochambeau, von Stuben,  
7 Pulaski and Galvez; and

8 WHEREAS, The surrender of British forces under the command of  
9 General Lord John Cornwallis at the Battle of Yorktown on  
10 October 19, 1781, to the allied forces under the command of  
11 General Washington and General Comte de Rochambeau, set the  
12 stage for peace initiatives abroad; and

13 WHEREAS, Congress appointed Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and  
14 John Jay to represent the United States, and David Hartley was  
15 appointed by Great Britain's King George III to negotiate terms  
16 for peace; and

17 WHEREAS, On September 3, 1783, the peace commissioners of the  
18 United States and Great Britain signed a Treaty of Peace in  
19 Paris which recognized American independence and boundaries and  
20 declared the intention of both parties to "forget all past  
21 misunderstandings and differences" and "secure to both perpetual  
22 peace and harmony"; and

23 WHEREAS, Great Britain also signed peace treaties in Paris on  
24 September 3, 1783, with France and Spain and provisionally with  
25 the Netherlands, to bring a cessation of hostilities between the  
26 nations; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the Senate commemorate the 225th anniversary  
28 of the Treaty of Paris on September 3, 2008; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the enduring friendship  
30 between the United States and its first allies, France and

1 Spain; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That September 3, 2008, marks the 225th anniversary  
3 of relations between the United States and Great Britain and  
4 reaffirms the deep friendship that has developed between our two  
5 countries since the signing of the Treaty of Paris; and be it  
6 further

7       RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare a copy of  
8 this resolution for presentation to the Pennsylvania Society of  
9 the Sons of the American Revolution as an expression of the  
10 Senate's appreciation for this organization's efforts to promote  
11 patriotism and educate citizens about the achievements and  
12 sacrifices of the patriots of the American Revolution.