
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SCHMITT, SONNEY, STAATS, WILLIAMS, YOUNGBLOOD, MENTZER,
BOBACK AND NEILSON, JULY 14, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JULY 14, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the
2 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

3 WHEREAS, The 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution
4 granted American women the right to vote, a right known as
5 women's suffrage, and was ratified on August 18, 1920; and

6 WHEREAS, The original 13 states passed laws that prohibit
7 women from voting; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1866, The American Equal Rights Association was
9 founded by Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and others,
10 its mission was to promote equal rights with an emphasis on
11 gaining the right to vote for women through passage of a
12 constitutional amendment; and

13 WHEREAS, After Susan B. Anthony cast her first vote as an
14 attempt to test whether the 14th Amendment would be interpreted
15 broadly to guarantee women the right to vote, she was tried and
16 convicted of "unlawful voting"; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1890, two rival women's voting rights groups, the
2 National Women's Suffrage Association and the American Women's
3 Suffrage Association merged to form one organization, the
4 National American Women's Suffrage Association to work for
5 passage of a constitutional amendment to guarantee women the
6 right to vote; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1896, leaders of the more than 100 African
8 American women's clubs united to form an organization, National
9 Association of Colored Women, to promote equality for women,
10 raise funds for projects that benefit women and children and
11 oppose segregation and racial violence; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1913, the Congressional Union, later renamed the
13 National Women's Party, founded by Alice Paul and Lucy Burns,
14 set as its goal the passage of a federal constitutional
15 amendment that would give women the right to vote; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1915, a petition with 500,000 signatures in
17 support of an amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote was
18 given to President Woodrow Wilson; and

19 WHEREAS, Though several states waited more than 40 years to
20 ratify the Amendment, Pennsylvania was the 7th state to ratify
21 the Amendment on June 24, 1919; and

22 WHEREAS, The 19th Amendment was ratified on August 18, 1920
23 when the agreement of three-fourths of the states was obtained;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, In 1920, the National American Woman Suffrage
26 Association established the League of Women Voters to encourage
27 women to use their newly acquired right to vote; and

28 WHEREAS, Since the monumental victory in 1920, women have
29 taken their rightful place serving in Pennsylvania's
30 Legislature; and

1 WHEREAS, The Archives of the House is highlighting other
2 amazing women who have served the people of Pennsylvania;
3 therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
5 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to
6 the United States Constitution.