

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 714 Session of 2006

INTRODUCED BY COHEN, BALDWIN, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, BLACKWELL, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, CORRIGAN, CRUZ, DALEY, DONATUCCI, FORCIER, FRANKEL, GEORGE, HARPER, JAMES, LEDERER, MANDERINO, MCGEEHAN, MELIO, PALLONE, PETRONE, PHILLIPS, READSHAW, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SHANER, SIPTROTH, B. SMITH, STABACK, STURLA, THOMAS, WATSON AND WOJNAROSKI, APRIL 24, 2006

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 24, 2006

A RESOLUTION

1 Observing May 2, 2006, as "Edmund Bacon Day" in Pennsylvania,
2 commemorating the life of Edmund N. Bacon and his
3 contributions to the City of Philadelphia and recognizing the
4 Ed Bacon Foundation for preserving and strengthening the
5 vision and legacy of the legendary city planner.

6 WHEREAS, Edmund N. Bacon was born in Philadelphia on May 2,
7 1910, and died on October 14, 2005; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Bacon was educated in architecture at Cornell
9 University, where he designed the Love Park plaza in 1932, and
10 he studied at the Cranbrook Academy of Art; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Bacon worked as an architect in China and
12 Philadelphia and as a planner in Flint, Michigan, and became
13 director of the Philadelphia Housing Association upon returning
14 to Philadelphia in 1939; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Bacon's vision shaped much of modern downtown
16 Philadelphia, including Penn Center, Market East and Society
17 Hill; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1964 Mr. Bacon's face was on the cover of Time
2 Magazine, and in 1969 he was appointed by United States
3 President Johnson to serve as a member of the Citizens' Advisory
4 Committee on Environmental Quality; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Bacon's book "Design of Cities" is still
6 considered an important work on urban design; and

7 WHEREAS, After retiring from the City Planning Commission in
8 1970, Mr. Bacon served as vice president for the private

9 planning firm Mondev USA, taught at the University of Illinois
10 and the University of Pennsylvania and narrated a series of city
11 planning films; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Bacon received numerous honors, including the
13 American Institute of Planners Distinguished Service Award and
14 the Philadelphia Award; and

15 WHEREAS, The Ed Bacon Foundation has advanced Mr. Bacon's
16 work in planning, architecture, urban development and civic life
17 since its inception in November 2004; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Bacon actively asserted his vision for
19 Philadelphia's future throughout his life; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives observe May 2,
21 2006, as "Edmund Bacon Day" in Pennsylvania to honor the life
22 accomplishments of Edmund Bacon.