

1 **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 27**

2 (By Delegates Morgan, Anderson, Barill, Barker, Boggs, Brown,
3 Butcher, D. Campbell, T. Campbell, Cann Caputo, Carmichael,
4 Craig, Crosier, Doyle, Ellington, Ennis, Ferns, Ferro,
5 Fleischauer, Fragale, Frazier, Givens, Guthrie, Hall Hamilton,
6 Hatfield, Hunt, Iaquinta Jones, Kominar, Lawrence, Manypenny,
7 Marshall, Martin, Michael, Miley, Moore, Moye, Pasdon, Paxton,
8 Perdue, Perry, Pethtel, L. Phillips, R. Phillips, Pino, D.
9 Poling. M. Poling, Poore, Reynolds, Rodighiero, Skaff, Smith,
10 Staggers, Stowers, Sumner, Swartzmiller, Talbott, Varner, Walker,
11 Wells, White and Williams)
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15 Expressing the sense of the Legislature that designating the annual
16 observance of September 17, Constitution Day, also be declared
17 "Robert C. Byrd Remembrance Day" for the State of West
18 Virginia in order to honor the lifetime of service given by
19 Senator Byrd to the United States of America and the people of
20 West Virginia.

21 WHEREAS, the Honorable Robert C. Byrd was a native West
22 Virginian and the longest serving United States Senator
23 continuously elected by the people of West Virginia; and

24 WHEREAS, Senator Byrd faithfully served the people of West
25 Virginia in the United States Congress from 1953 until his death on
26 June 28, 2010 at the age of 92; and

27 WHEREAS, thanks to his generous spirit Senator Byrd started the
28 Scholastic Recognition Award in 1969, which awards the
29 valedictorian at each West Virginia public and private high school
30 with a savings bond, and he was instrumental in delivering millions

1 of dollars in federal aid to the state of West Virginia to build
2 roads, schools and hospitals; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Byrd was elected to more leadership positions
4 than any other Senator in history and at the time of his death he
5 was the highest-ranking Senator in the majority party, known as the
6 President pro tempore; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Byrd served as the senior member of the Senate
8 Appropriations Committee, was the Chairman of the Senate
9 Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security, and a member of
10 the Senate Budget, Armed Services, and Rules and Administration
11 Committees and he cast more than 18,689 roll call votes, which is
12 more votes than any other Senator in U.S. history and held a 97
13 percent attendance record in his more than 50 years in the Senate;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Byrd was instrumental in establishing the
16 holiday Constitution Day and was well known for always carrying a
17 copy of the United States Constitution in his pocket it is fitting
18 to honor his memory on September 17; and

19 WHEREAS, the State of West Virginia is thankful and proud of
20 the numerous accomplishments and many years of dedicated service of
21 Senator Robert C. Byrd a statesman, politician, avid fiddle player
22 and true West Virginian therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

24 That September 17 is hereby declared "Robert C. Byrd

1 Remembrance Day" in West Virginia; and, be it

2 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk of the House forward a copy
3 of this resolution to the children and grandchildren descendants of
4 Robert C. Byrd; and, be it

5 *Further Resolved,* that the Clerk of the House forward a copy
6 of this resolution to each West Virginia Congressional
7 Representative; and, be it

8 *Further Resolved,* that the Clerk forward a copy of this
9 resolution to the Governor of West Virginia with the request that
10 the Governor issue a proclamation designating September 17 as
11 "Robert C. Byrd Remembrance Day."