



## 2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 70

October 27, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives KESSLER, THIESFELDT, JORGENSEN, KERKMAN, D. CULLEN, SPANBAUER, ZEPNICK, PRIDEMORE, SINICKI, KRUG, TURNER, MARKLEIN, A. OTT, HEBL, CLARK, SEIDEL, BARCA, MOLEPSKE JR, TOLES, VRUWINK, HINTZ, DANOU, HULSEY, E. COGGS, BEWLEY, ZAMARRIPA, C. TAYLOR, GRIGSBY, BERNARD SCHABER, RADCLIFFE, STASKUNAS, BERCEAU, RICHARDS and MILROY, cosponsored by Senators RISSER, C. LARSON, HANSEN and TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1       **Relating to:** recognizing October 6 as German–American Day.

2               Whereas, October 6, 2011 is the 328th anniversary of the day that 13 families  
3 landed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, after an oversea journey from Krefeld,  
4 Germany; and

5               Whereas, the 13 families, 33 people in all, of Mennonite and Quaker descent,  
6 under the leadership of legal scholar Franz Daniel Pastorius, founded Germantown  
7 six miles north of Philadelphia; and

8               Whereas, Germantown, Pennsylvania, is recognized as the first permanent  
9 settlement of immigrants from Germany in the original 13 American colonies; and

10              Whereas, German immigrants supplied America with a workforce that helped  
11 shape and embody the American dream; and

12              Whereas, according to a study done by the 1979 United States Census Bureau,  
13 more Americans trace their lineage back to Germany than to any other nation; and

