



## 2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 56

October 2, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives KESSLER, HESSELBEIN, SARGENT, WEININGER, KNODL, OHNSTAD, KAUFERT, WRIGHT, ZAMARRIPA, MURPHY, NASS, PRIDEMORE, BALLWEG, MASON, KAHL, THIESFELDT, A. OTT, VRUWINK, BERNIER and MURTHA, cosponsored by Senators CARPENTER, LEHMAN, LAZICH, RISSER, SCHULTZ and GROTHMAN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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

2             Whereas, October 6, 2013, is the 330th anniversary of the day that 13 families  
3     landed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, after an overseas 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 United States Census Bureau in  
13    1979, more Americans trace their lineage back to Germany than to any other nation;  
14    and

