

Senate Resolution 507

By: Senator Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Thomas Paine Day on January 29; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Thomas Paine was one of the great patriots of the American Revolution; a peer
3 of George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, James Madison,
4 and James Monroe; and one of the founding fathers of the United States of America; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in his influential essay, *Common Sense*, he raised the call for independence
6 from Britain, a constitutional convention, and a written constitution that protects the rights
7 of persons, ensures equality, and creates a representative democracy; and
- 8 WHEREAS, his abundant and reasoned, yet passionate, writings set the course for our
9 nation, and his life works illustrate the power of eloquence and freedom of thought and
10 expression to change the course of history and continue to provide inspiration; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the contributions of this patriot, humanitarian, and visionary profoundly affect
12 the minds of people of all ages as he urges citizens to strengthen our democratic ideals and
13 human rights principles by participating actively in our republic.
- 14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that January 29, the
15 anniversary of his birth in 1737, be recognized as Thomas Paine Day every year in tribute
16 to this inspirational political thinker and his contributions to liberty and democracy.
- 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
18 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Thomas Paine Friends.