

Senate of Pennsylvania



HARRISBURG, PA

Congratulations

In the Senate, June 24, 2013

Whereas, The Hawk Mountain Sanctuary is celebrating the grand opening of its Irma Brown-Kahn Education Building on July 12, 2013; and

Whereas, Rosalie Edge leased one thousand four hundred acres of property on Hawk Mountain in 1934. She enlisted the help of New England bird enthusiast Maurice Brown and his wife and bird conservation partner, Irma Brown, who moved to Hawk Mountain. Mrs. Edge opened the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary to the public and purchased and deeded the land to the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association, which was incorporated in 1938 as a nonprofit organization. Its mission is to conserve birds of prey worldwide by providing leadership in raptor conservation science and education and by maintaining the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary as a model observation, research and education facility; and

Whereas, The Hawk Mountain Sanctuary opened The Common Room in 1954 to meet a variety of visitor and administrative needs. Following the construction of the modern Visitor Center in 1974, The Common Room became the sanctuary's educational launching pad, a place where school groups began their educational experience. In October 2010 a comprehensive, multi-stage strategy was planned to better serve visitors and present an inspiring and more cohesive impact. The Common Room was renovated and expanded to create a global headquarters for raptor education and was renamed as the Irma Brown-Kahn Education Building. Upgrades incorporated modern technology, updated exhibits, full accessibility and safe school bus access. The Hawk Mountain education programs reach an average of seven thousand children and sixty-five thousand visitors each year.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary upon this joyous occasion; extends warmest wishes for a future replete with ever-increasing success and service to the community;

And directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator David G. Argall, be transmitted to the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, 1700 Hawk Mountain Road, Kempton, Pennsylvania.

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Senator David G. Argall

Attest:

A black ink signature of Megan Tolino Concedine.
Megan Tolino Concedine, Secretary