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News From Around PA

Beaver Area School District **Superintendent** prevented a graduating senior from voicing her personal remarks as part of the closing exercise at graduation because they included the words God and Jesus. She said use of those words was unconstitutional!

Even though **Johnstown** did the right thing on May 24 and voted 6 to 1 against a homosexual special rights ordinance, on June 14th they voted 4-3 to enact Bill 14. This "hate crimes" bill turns the police into mind readers as they try to get into the head of a perpetrator to see if their actions were motivated by hate.

The PA Senate blocked quick passage of a "**Pride Month**" resolution offered by Philly State Senator Sharif Street. He had hoped for

"unanimous consent" because, in his mind, such a resolution is so "universally respected" there would be no objections. That process was rejected and he has now offered it through the regular legislative process.

The Philadelphia Committee on Public Health and Human Services

unanimously approved Councilman Mark Squilla's legislation that would ban therapy for minors with unwanted same-sex attraction. It now goes to the full Council for a vote.

Middletown Borough

(Dauphin County) has been asked to consider passing an "anti-discrimination" ordinance with "sexual orientation/gender identity" language. At this point no ordinance has been written and there has already been opposition.

"Pride Day" at **Waldameer Park & Waterworld** in Erie will be Sunday, June 25.

Senator Bob Casey sent a note congratulating "**NW PA Pride Alliance**" and the broader Northwestern PA LGBTQ community on 25 successful years of Pride

events and I want you to know that you have a voice and an ally in Washington."

News from National Scene

Dr. Andrew Snelling, a Christian geologist, is suing the **Grand Canyon National Park and the US Dept. of Interior and the National Park Service** because he was denied permission to remove 60 half-pound rocks from various areas within the park. The rocks were to be used for research and the lawsuit claims his permit was denied because of Dr. Snelling's creationist views.

LGBT activists are calling for the **St. Louis Cardinals** to cancel a speech by the team's former player, Lance Berkman, "over his stance on transgender bathrooms." He has been invited to speak during their "Christian Day."

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