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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 11, 2018, as the "Day of the Girl" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Equality and universal access to education for every  
4 girl and boy are among the United Nations Millennium Development  
5 Goals supported by 191 countries, including the United States;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, On December 19, 2011, the United Nations established  
8 October 11 as the annual "International Day of the Girl Child,"  
9 supported and cosponsored by the United States and 97 other  
10 countries; and

11 WHEREAS, The "Day of the Girl" campaign calls on communities  
12 across the globe to recognize that girls worldwide face many  
13 injustices, such as violence, gender stereotypes,  
14 discrimination, lack of education, child labor, early marriage  
15 and economic inequality; and

1       WHEREAS, The goal of the "Day of the Girl" campaign is to  
2 commence an open dialog regarding the issues that many young  
3 girls face and to empower girls to fight for their rights and  
4 equality; and

5       WHEREAS, This year marks the seventh observance of "Day of  
6 the Girl," which emphasizes that girls in this Commonwealth and  
7 across the world can realize their dreams through achievement in  
8 education, in particular the fast-changing areas of science and  
9 technology in schools, universities and vocational education  
10 programs, so that girls develop the skills for jobs that drive  
11 our 21st century economy; and

12       WHEREAS, Several groups throughout this Commonwealth,  
13 including Girls on the Run, the Girl Scouts, the Women and Girls  
14 Foundation of Southwest Pennsylvania, iTwixie and the Girls  
15 Coalition of Southwestern Pennsylvania, have organized many  
16 different activities aimed at "Day of the Girl" observances,  
17 including a Day of the Girl Summit in Pittsburgh; and

18       WHEREAS, The House of Representatives supports increasing  
19 girls' participation and achievement in education, science and  
20 math-related activities, increasing high school graduation rates  
21 and providing equal opportunities for all girls by speaking out  
22 against gender-based injustices, celebrating all girls'  
23 potential and encouraging all girls to pursue their dreams  
24 through education and otherwise; therefore be it

25       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October  
26 11, 2018, as the "Day of the Girl" in Pennsylvania; and be it  
27 further

28       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate and  
29 thank all groups involved in promoting and supporting "Day of  
30 the Girl" activities in this Commonwealth; and be it further

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives thank and  
2 congratulate all those who work toward empowerment and  
3 fulfillment of human rights for all girls so they may achieve  
4 their full potential.