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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the 2014 Rose of Tralee, Maria Walsh,
2 for her accomplishment and service to her city, her
3 Commonwealth, her country and the global Irish community.

4 WHEREAS, The Rose of Tralee is one of Ireland's largest and
5 longest running festivals celebrating its 55th year; and

6 WHEREAS, The festival is based on the 19th century Irish
7 ballad about a "lovely and fair" woman named Mary who was called
8 the Rose of Tralee; and

9 WHEREAS, The festival selects a young woman of Irish descent
10 from Ireland or from the Irish diaspora around the world each
11 year to be the "Rose of Tralee," an ambassador for the festival
12 and the worldwide Irish community; and

13 WHEREAS, The Rose is selected based on her personality and
14 suitability to be an ambassador for the festival and Irish
15 diaspora; and

16 WHEREAS, Based on those qualities, Maria Walsh was selected

1 as Philadelphia's Rose of Tralee this year, going on to be
2 selected as the international Rose of Tralee in a competition of
3 Roses from around the world; and

4 WHEREAS, Maria Walsh, through her courage and outstanding
5 character, has brought honor to her city, Commonwealth, and
6 country in addition to Irish people the world over; and

7 WHEREAS, After Boston and New York City, Philadelphia is the
8 largest American city with the highest percentage of people of
9 Irish ancestry; and

10 WHEREAS, The Irish community has made significant
11 contributions to the building of this Commonwealth and country
12 and the culture of both; and

13 WHEREAS, Maria Walsh, as an exemplary representative of the
14 confluence of those many communities will make an outstanding
15 ambassador; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
17 honor the 2014 Rose of Tralee, Maria Walsh, for her
18 accomplishment and service to her city, her Commonwealth, her
19 country and the global Irish community.