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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 19, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 24, 2020, as "World Polio Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Rotary is a global network of neighbors, friends,
4 leaders and problem-solvers who unite and take action to create
5 lasting change in communities across the world; and

6 WHEREAS, The Rotary motto, "Service Above Self," inspires
7 members to provide humanitarian service, follow high ethical
8 standards and promote goodwill and peace in the world; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1985, Rotary launched PolioPlus and in 1988
10 helped establish the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which
11 today includes the World Health Organization, the Centers for
12 Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates
13 Foundation and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, to immunize the
14 children of the world against polio; and

15 WHEREAS, Polio cases have dropped by 99.9% since 1988 and the
16 world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

17 WHEREAS, To date Rotary has contributed more than \$2.1

1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protecting more than
2 2.5 billion children in 122 countries; and

3 WHEREAS, Rotary is working to raise an additional \$50 million
4 per year that would be leveraged for maximum impact by an
5 additional \$100 million annually from the Bill & Melinda Gates
6 Foundation; and

7 WHEREAS, These efforts are providing much-needed operational
8 support, medical staff, laboratory equipment and educational
9 materials for health workers and parents; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition, Rotary has played a major role in
11 decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$10
12 billion to the effort; and

13 WHEREAS, There are more than 1.2 million Rotary members in
14 more than 35,000 clubs throughout the world that sponsor service
15 projects to address such critical issues as poverty, disease,
16 hunger, illiteracy and the environment in their local
17 communities and abroad; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October
19 24, 2020 as "World Polio Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
21 citizens to join Rotary International in the fight for a polio-
22 free world.