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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 13, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 25, 2018, as "Elimination of Violence
2 Against Women Day" in Pennsylvania to coincide with the
3 United Nations' "International Day for the Elimination of
4 Violence Against Women."

5 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives acknowledges the
6 global, State and local imperative to prevent and end gender-
7 based discrimination and violence; and

8 WHEREAS, Violence affecting one in three women globally is
9 one of the main mechanisms denying equality; and

10 WHEREAS, Violence against women includes acts that can cause
11 physical, sexual or psychological harm in public or private
12 life; and

13 WHEREAS, In its various forms, violence against women
14 fractures families and communities and impacts progress toward
15 poverty reduction, peace and security; and

16 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the United Nations
17 recognizes numerous international frameworks and instruments

1 defining the obligation of member states to prevent and respond
2 to violence against women; and

3 WHEREAS, Former United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
4 noted that sustainable development goals are not achieved
5 without addressing the rights of women in law and in practice;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, November 25 has been designated and is annually
8 observed as the date for the international observance; and

9 WHEREAS, This date commemorates the 1960 assassination of
10 Patria, Minerva and Maria Teresa Mirabal from the Dominican
11 Republic during the Rafael Trujillo dictatorship; and

12 WHEREAS, The Mirabal sisters have come to symbolize popular
13 resistance against the victimization of women; and

14 WHEREAS, The Office on Women's Health of the United States
15 Department of Health and Human Services works with other
16 Federal, State and local agencies to stop violence against women
17 and girls; and

18 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence
19 and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape advocate for the
20 rights and needs of female victims of violence and work to break
21 cycles of violence in this Commonwealth; and

22 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives reaffirms its
23 commitment to protect women affected by violence and to prevent
24 acts of discrimination and violence against women; therefore be
25 it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
27 November 25, 2018, as "Elimination of Violence Against Women
28 Day" in Pennsylvania to coincide with the United Nations'
29 "International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against
30 Women."