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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 261 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY McNEILL, BIZZARRO, RYAN, KINSEY, BURNS, MILLARD, SCHLOSSBERG, HILL-EVANS, TOOIL, LONGIETTI, HAHN, HARKINS, ZABEL, SONNEY, YOUNGBLOOD, KORTZ, DIGIROLAMO, ROEBUCK, READSHAW, BOBACK, MACKENZIE, SAMUELSON, SCHWEYER, McCARTER, DRISCOLL, JOHNSON-HARRELL, MARKOSEK, CALTAGIRONE, PASHINSKI, HEFFLEY, McCLINTON, FREEMAN AND NEILSON, APRIL 25, 2019

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 25, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 11, 2019, as "National Association of Letter  
2 Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, On May 11, 2019, the National Association of Letter  
4 Carriers will be conducting its 27th annual Letter Carriers'  
5 Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive to combat hunger in the United  
6 States; and

7 WHEREAS, The Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive,  
8 held annually on the second Saturday in May, is the country's  
9 largest single-day food drive; and

10 WHEREAS, On May 11, 2019, letter carriers in more than 10,000  
11 cities and towns across the United States will collect  
12 nonperishable food donations as they deliver mail along their  
13 postal routes; and

14 WHEREAS, Each year, with the help of volunteers, donations  
15 are delivered to food banks, pantries and shelters that serve

1 the area where the donations are collected; and

2 WHEREAS, The summer months are a particularly critical time,  
3 when donations and supplies are low and school lunch programs  
4 are not available for local youths; and

5 WHEREAS, Postal customers are encouraged to participate by  
6 leaving donations of nonperishable goods in paper bags by their  
7 mailboxes on May 11, 2019; and

8 WHEREAS, Partners of the Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger  
9 Food Drive include the United States Postal Service, the  
10 National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, the United Way, the  
11 United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, the AFL-  
12 CIO, Valpak, Valassis and local food pantries; and

13 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of  
14 Agriculture, more than 15 million households in the United  
15 States faced food insecurity at some point during 2017, which  
16 represents 11.8% of all American households; and

17 WHEREAS, Approximately one in six American households,  
18 including nearly 49 million citizens, 13 million of which are  
19 children and about 5 million of which are senior citizens, do  
20 not have enough food to eat; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2018, letter carriers collected approximately 71  
22 million pounds of food, which is the 15th consecutive year the  
23 effort has exceeded 70 million pounds; and

24 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the nationwide food drive has  
25 collected and delivered more than 1.6 billion pounds of food to  
26 help hungry families; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 11,  
28 2019, as "National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out  
29 Hunger Food Drive Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the National Association of Letter Carriers

1 and its cosponsors be commended for their humanitarian efforts  
2 to stamp out hunger; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That the residents of this Commonwealth be  
4 commended for their past participation in the Letter Carriers'  
5 Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive and be encouraged to contribute to  
6 this year's effort to feed the hungry.