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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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KINKEAD, KRAJEWSKI, GREEN AND PASHINSKI, JANUARY 9, 2024

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 9, 2024

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 6, 2023, as "Democracy Observance Day for  
2 Education, Remembrance and Vigilance" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Members of Congress met in a joint session in the  
4 United States Capitol Building on January 6, 2021, to officially  
5 tally the Electoral College votes for President and Vice  
6 President of the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, The largely ceremonial event to affirm the winner of  
8 the November 2020 election was halted as domestic terrorists  
9 encouraged by false accusations of election fraud broke through  
10 barricades around the United States Capitol Building; and

11 WHEREAS, After shattering windows and pushing past police to  
12 force their way into the United States Capitol Building, the  
13 domestic terrorists began roaming the hallowed halls of  
14 Congress; and

15 WHEREAS, The domestic terrorists pillaged congressional  
16 offices and ransacked the offices of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi  
17 and the Senate Parliamentarian; and

18 WHEREAS, Damage to the interior of the United States Capitol

1 Building included broken glass, broken doors and graffiti; and

2 WHEREAS, Historic statues, murals and benches must be  
3 extensively cleaned due to residual chemicals from pepper  
4 sprays, tear gas and fire extinguishers; and

5 WHEREAS, Lawmakers and their staff were forced to remain  
6 sheltered in place, many fearful for their lives; and

7 WHEREAS, During their evacuation from the Senate floor,  
8 dedicated staffers had the foresight to rescue the boxes  
9 containing the Electoral College ballots; and

10 WHEREAS, Multiple law enforcement officers were injured by  
11 the violent mob; and

12 WHEREAS, United States Capitol Police Officer Brian D.  
13 Sicknick died as a result of injuries sustained in his defense  
14 of the United States Capitol Building; and

15 WHEREAS, United States Capitol Police Officer Eugene Goodman  
16 lured a group of domestic terrorists away from the United States  
17 Senate chambers as lawmakers were not yet evacuated to safety;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Media depictions from the insurrection show  
20 countless other law enforcement officers, lawmakers and members  
21 of the public showing the best side of humanity in an otherwise  
22 inhumane situation; and

23 WHEREAS, The attack on the United States Capitol Building  
24 should always be remembered as an attack against our very  
25 democracy; and

26 WHEREAS, We should further remember the bravery of so many in  
27 the face of overwhelming odds; and

28 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize that democracy is  
29 fragile and must be protected at all costs; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly

1 recognize January 6, 2023, as "Democracy Observance Day for  
2 Education, Remembrance and Vigilance," commonly called  
3 "Democracy Observance Day," in memory of the insurrection  
4 against the United States Capitol Building; and be it further  
5       RESOLVED, That, upon adoption of this concurrent resolution  
6 by both chambers of the General Assembly, the Chief Clerk of the  
7 House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this  
8 resolution to the Governor and to each member of Congress from  
9 Pennsylvania.