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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, APRIL 3, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 4, 2020, as "Truck Driver Appreciation Day"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Alexander Winton invented the semi-trailer in  
4 Cleveland, Ohio, in 1898; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics  
6 estimates there are 1 million professional men and women  
7 classified as light delivery or heavy and tractor-trailer truck  
8 drivers; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 80% of United States communities depend  
10 solely on trucking for delivery of their goods and commodities;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Truckers deliver about 10 billion tons of freight,  
13 or about 70% of all the freight moved in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, The average trucker will drive over 100,000 road  
15 miles per year; and

1       WHEREAS, Professional truck drivers faced unprecedented  
2 circumstances to safely deliver important goods to every home,  
3 community, school and business in this Commonwealth during the  
4 COVID-19 pandemic; and

5       WHEREAS, Hard-working men and women who faced significant  
6 hardships of closed restaurants and rest areas in order to  
7 maintain the supply chain within this Commonwealth are the  
8 lifeblood of our economy during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

9       WHEREAS, Truck drivers worked longer hours, under stressful  
10 circumstances, to keep the shelves of our local supermarkets  
11 stocked with life-essential products; and

12       WHEREAS, Truck drivers risked exposure to the coronavirus in  
13 order to ensure that hospitals and clinics received life-saving  
14 blood, medicine and diagnostic equipment; and

15       WHEREAS, Truck drivers are the unsung heroes of our economy  
16 and the COVID-19 pandemic; and

17       WHEREAS, The observance of "Truck Driver Appreciation Day"  
18 honors professional truck drivers for their dedication in  
19 tackling one of our economy's most demanding and critical jobs  
20 during unprecedented circumstances; therefore be it

21       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October  
22 4, 2020, as "Truck Driver Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania; and  
23 be it further

24       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the  
25 residents, organizations and communities of this Commonwealth to  
26 join in this observance by commending professional truck drivers  
27 for the essential role they have played in the lives of every  
28 Pennsylvanian. 10-4.