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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the General Operating Rules of the House of  
2 Representatives and providing for the enforcement of the  
3 General Operating Rules of the House within the conduct of  
4 standing committee business and action by the Speaker.

5 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives as a legislative body  
6 of this Commonwealth has a long and prestigious history of  
7 conducting the business of the people of this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives adopts General  
9 Operating Rules in order to conduct the business of the people  
10 of this Commonwealth in a civil, orderly, respectful and  
11 structured manner; and

12 WHEREAS, Rule 3 of the General Operating Rules of the House  
13 of Representatives provides for the Order and Decorum of the  
14 House; and

15 WHEREAS, Rule 9 of the General Operating Rules of the House  
16 of Representatives provides for the Decorum of the House; and

17 WHEREAS, Rule 10 of the General Operating Rules of the House  
18 of Representatives provides for Debate of the House; and

1       WHEREAS, Rule 11 of the General Operating Rules of the House  
2 of Representatives provides for the Interruption of a Member who  
3 Has the Floor of the House; and

4       WHEREAS, Rule 13 of the General Operating Rules of the House  
5 of Representatives provides for the Transgression of House  
6 Rules; and

7       WHEREAS, Rule 44 of the General Operating Rules of the House  
8 of Representatives provides for the Organization of Standing  
9 Committees and Subcommittees; and

10       WHEREAS, Rule 44 states that each standing committee shall  
11 have the power to promulgate rules not inconsistent with the  
12 General Operating Rules of the House of Representatives which  
13 may be necessary for the orderly conduct of its business; and

14       WHEREAS, The chair and minority chair of each standing  
15 committee are not immune to the General Operating Rules of the  
16 House; and

17       WHEREAS, The chair and minority chair of each standing  
18 committee shall conduct themselves in a manner in accordance  
19 with the General Operating Rules of the House; and

20       WHEREAS, Such conduct shall include respect and civility to  
21 each member of a standing committee; therefore be it

22       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives enforce the  
23 General Operating Rules of the House not only on the House floor  
24 but within the conduct of business of each standing committee;  
25 and be it further

26       RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
27 have the power to impose censorship, sanction or other  
28 punishment as deemed appropriate upon a chair or minority chair  
29 of a standing committee who is disrespectful or uncivil to any  
30 member of a standing committee or who otherwise transgresses the

1 General Operating Rules of the House.