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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 11, 2015, as the "Day of the Girl" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Equality and universal access to education for every
4 girl and boy are among the United Nations' Millennium
5 Development Goals supported by 191 countries, including the
6 United States; and

7 WHEREAS, On December 19, 2011, the United Nations established
8 October 11 as the annual International Day of the Girl Child,
9 supported and cosponsored by the United States and 97 other
10 countries; and

11 WHEREAS, The Day of the Girl campaign calls on communities
12 across the globe to recognize that girls worldwide face many
13 injustices, such as violence, gender stereotypes,
14 discrimination, lack of education, child labor, early marriage
15 and economic inequality; and

1 WHEREAS, The goal of the Day of the Girl campaign is to
2 commence an open dialog regarding the issues that many young
3 girls face and to empower girls to fight for their rights and
4 equality; and

5 WHEREAS, This year marks the fourth observance of Day of the
6 Girl, which continues to emphasize that girls in Pennsylvania
7 and across the world can realize their dreams by achieving
8 through education, especially by targeting the fast-changing
9 areas of science and technology in schools, universities and
10 vocational education programs so that girls develop the skills
11 for jobs that drive our 21st century economy; and

12 WHEREAS, Several groups throughout this Commonwealth,
13 including Girls on the Run, the Girl Scouts, the Women and Girls
14 Foundation of Southwest Pennsylvania, iTwixie and the Girls
15 Coalition of Southwestern Pennsylvania, have organized many
16 different activities aimed at the Day of the Girl observance,
17 including a Day of the Girl Summit in Pittsburgh; and

18 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives supports increasing
19 girls' participation and achievement in education, science and
20 math-related activities, increasing high school graduation rates
21 and providing equal opportunities for all girls by speaking out
22 against gender-based injustices, celebrating all girls'
23 potential and encouraging all girls to pursue their dreams
24 through education and otherwise; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October
26 11, 2015, as the "Day of the Girl" in Pennsylvania; and be it
27 further

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate and
29 thank all groups involved in promoting Day of the Girl
30 activities in this Commonwealth and all those who work every day

1 to promote girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human
2 rights for their efforts to help girls in this Commonwealth and
3 elsewhere achieve their full potential.