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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of December 2020 as "Salvation Army Red  
2 Kettle Campaign Month."

3 WHEREAS, Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee established the  
4 Red Kettle Campaign in 1891; and

5 WHEREAS, Captain McFee saw the need to supply a free  
6 Christmas dinner to underprivileged individuals in San  
7 Francisco, California; and

8 WHEREAS, In order to compensate the expenses of the free  
9 dinner, Captain McFee was inspired by his experiences as a  
10 sailor in Liverpool, England, where the "Simpson's Pot" was  
11 placed at Stage Landing to provide a location to donate to  
12 unfortunate individuals; and

13 WHEREAS, Captain McFee followed that tradition by placing a  
14 red kettle and sign that stated "Keep the Pot Boiling" at the  
15 Oakland Ferry Landing with the hopes that individuals would  
16 contribute to those in need; and

1 WHEREAS, The initial startup of the Red Kettle Campaign was a  
2 success and provided disadvantaged individuals of San Francisco,  
3 California, with Captain McFee's inspired Christmas dinner; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1987, Boston, Massachusetts, also began to  
5 implement the kettle program in the community, and approximately  
6 150,000 Christmas dinners were provided across the entire nation  
7 to deprived individuals; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1901, an immense dinner was served at Madison  
9 Square Garden, New York, with contributions provided during the  
10 kettle campaign, and this tradition continued for many years  
11 following; and

12 WHEREAS, All donations placed into the kettles are used  
13 locally to provide assistance to those in need and enhance the  
14 organization's programs; and

15 WHEREAS, Korea, Japan, Chile and additional European  
16 countries also recognize and have implemented the kettle  
17 campaign to raise much needed money; and

18 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army provides individuals with the  
19 chance to participate through an online Red Kettle Program; and

20 WHEREAS, The online program offers individual kettles, team  
21 kettles or company kettles to which individuals may donate; and

22 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army recognizes the Red Kettle as an  
23 "integral part of the Christmas scene," and it is one of the  
24 most commonly recognized symbols of the organization; and

25 WHEREAS, Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, since March, Salvation  
26 Army USA has provided more than 100 million meals, 1.5 million  
27 nights of safe shelter, plus emotional and spiritual support to  
28 more than 800,000 people across the United States; and

29 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army expects those numbers to grow,  
30 bracing for a 155% increase in the need for their services,

1 including putting food on the table, paying bills, providing  
2 shelter and helping place gifts under the tree, heading into the  
3 holiday season; and

4 WHEREAS, This year, the new campaign is called "Rescue  
5 Christmas," and this campaign kicked off on September 14, 2020;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, In 2019, the Salvation Army raised \$126 million with  
8 its Red Kettle campaign and it expects to only bring in half  
9 that much this year; and

10 WHEREAS, In response to the decline of foot traffic at  
11 stores, the organization shifted focus to online donations and  
12 launched the "Rescue Christmas" donation page; and

13 WHEREAS, Local donations will continue to stay in the  
14 communities from which those funds are given with \$.82 of each  
15 dollar going directly to helping those in need; and

16 WHEREAS, A great number of individuals seek to volunteer at  
17 the Salvation Army to assure that people in need are provided  
18 with eminent assistance; and

19 WHEREAS, Thousands of individuals rely on the donations and  
20 programs provided by the Salvation Army each day; therefore be  
21 it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
23 month of December 2020 as "Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign  
24 Month" in Pennsylvania.