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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AND NEILSON, MARCH 2, 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 2, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of February 2017 as "Teen Dating and  
2 Violence Awareness and Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Teen dating violence is widespread, affecting  
4 individuals, families and schools; and

5 WHEREAS, Teen dating violence includes physical, emotional  
6 and sexual assault and harassment via texting, e-mail or instant  
7 messaging; and

8 WHEREAS, Violent behavior on average begins between 12 and 18  
9 years of age; and

10 WHEREAS, Nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide  
11 experience physical abuse from a dating partner each year; and

12 WHEREAS, Girls and young women between 16 and 24 years of age  
13 experience the highest rate of violence, nearly triple the  
14 national average; and

15 WHEREAS, Not only does this affect adolescents and high  
16 school students, violence also affects approximately 43% of

1 college women who are dating; and

2 WHEREAS, Violent relationships can have serious ramifications  
3 by placing the victims at higher risk for substance abuse,  
4 eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, further domestic  
5 violence and suicide; and

6 WHEREAS, Despite the fact that 82% of parents believe they  
7 could recognize the signs of dating abuse, 58% could not  
8 correctly identify all the warning signs; and

9 WHEREAS, The Love is Not Abuse iPhone app is an educational  
10 resource for parents and provides information on teen dating  
11 violence and abuse; and

12 WHEREAS, The Circle of 6 app is an iPhone app for college-  
13 aged students and their friends to stay close, stay safe and  
14 prevent violence before it happens; and

15 WHEREAS, The One Love Foundation's apps help the individual  
16 determine if a relationship is unsafe and help to create the  
17 best action plan; and

18 WHEREAS, Numerous organizations provide direct services to  
19 those who experience dating violence, including the National  
20 Dating Abuse 24-hour Helpline and Break the Cycle, national  
21 nonprofit organizations providing preventive education and  
22 outreach; and

23 WHEREAS, Everyone can help reduce this violence by raising  
24 awareness and speaking up about abuse when they see it;  
25 therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
27 month of February 2017 as "Teen Dating and Violence Awareness  
28 and Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania to spread awareness  
29 regarding teen dating abuse.