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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 140 Session of  
2019

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INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, HILL-EVANS, DIGIROLAMO, SONNEY, BURNS,  
PICKETT, KORTZ, MURT, CALTAGIRONE, LONGIETTI, NEILSON,  
BIZZARRO, HAHN, TOEPEL, SCHLEGEL CULVER, COX, FREEMAN,  
MILLARD, B. MILLER, READSHAW, TOOHIL, OBERLANDER, MIZGORSKI  
AND KRUEGER, MARCH 11, 2019

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 11, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the legacy of Hannah Callowhill Penn; and designating  
2 March 12, 2019, as "Hannah Callowhill Penn Day" in  
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Hannah Callowhill Penn was born in Bristol, England,  
5 on February 11, 1671; and

6 WHEREAS, On March 5, 1696, she married William Penn, founder  
7 of the Province of Pennsylvania, and the couple arrived in  
8 Philadelphia on December 10, 1699; and

9 WHEREAS, William Penn and Hannah Callowhill Penn resided at  
10 Pennsbury Manor in Morrisville; and

11 WHEREAS, Hannah Callowhill Penn and William Penn made  
12 remarkable contributions to this Commonwealth and to the  
13 founding of our nation and were lifelong advocates of peace and  
14 justice; and

15 WHEREAS, When William Penn became incapacitated by a stroke  
16 in 1712, Hannah Callowhill Penn effectively governed in his name

1 and handled all of his other complicated financial and legal  
2 affairs until his death in 1718; and

3 WHEREAS, After William Penn's death, Hannah Callowhill Penn  
4 continued to govern Pennsylvania from England for another eight  
5 years until her death in 1726; and

6 WHEREAS, Hannah Callowhill Penn played an instrumental role  
7 in the development of Pennsylvania and, at the time of her  
8 governance, no other woman in Britain, except Queen Mary II and  
9 Queen Anne, held such direct political power; and

10 WHEREAS, For her historic contributions, Hannah Callowhill  
11 Penn was granted honorary United States citizenship in 1984 and  
12 honorary Pennsylvania citizenship in 1985; and

13 WHEREAS, March 12, 2013, was proclaimed "Hannah Callowhill  
14 Penn Day" in Pennsylvania by Governor Tom Corbett in her honor;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, "Hannah Callowhill Penn Day" marked the beginning of  
17 a yearlong project to recognize Hannah Callowhill Penn's  
18 achievements and contributions to our Commonwealth; therefore be  
19 it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the legacy  
21 of Hannah Callowhill Penn, the first woman to govern  
22 Pennsylvania; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March  
24 12, 2019, as "Hannah Callowhill Penn Day" in Pennsylvania.