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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 16, 2017, as "World Voice Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, It is estimated that nearly 7 million Americans  
4 suffer from some form of voice disorder; and

5 WHEREAS, Voice disorders can impact the everyday lives of  
6 those affected by inhibiting their ability to effectively  
7 express themselves; and

8 WHEREAS, There are many ways in which people can conserve  
9 their voices and prevent the development of voice disorders,  
10 including staying hydrated, minimizing shouting and other  
11 activities that cause vocal cord strain, warming up vocal cords  
12 before heavy vocal use, using appropriate breath support, using  
13 amplification equipment and paying attention to voice cues; and

14 WHEREAS, It is important to draw international, national and  
15 State awareness to the existence of voice disorders and the  
16 availability of services provided by medical doctors

1 specifically trained to treat the ear, nose, throat, head and  
2 neck, known as otolaryngologist, as well as other specialized  
3 providers for the amelioration of these disorders; and

4 WHEREAS, Every year on April 16, otolaryngologists and other  
5 voice-related health professionals worldwide join together to  
6 recognize "World Voice Day," an international celebration of the  
7 human voice established to raise public and professional  
8 awareness about voice disorders; and

9 WHEREAS, "World Voice Day," sponsored in the United States by  
10 the American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery,  
11 encourages men and women, young and old, to assess their vocal  
12 health and take action to improve or maintain good vocal habits;  
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives join the  
15 Pennsylvania Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery  
16 in recognizing April 16, 2017, as "World Voice Day" in  
17 Pennsylvania; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage  
19 residents to practice techniques that may help prevent the onset  
20 of a voice disorder and to schedule an appointment with  
21 otolaryngologist if they are suffering from a voice disorder.