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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, JANUARY 31, 2024

A RESOLUTION

- Recognizing February 11, 2024, as the "International Day of Women and Girls in Science" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, Science is one of the most important fields in our
- 4 world because science inspires new knowledge that can benefit
- 5 everyone through the creation of new technologies and methods of
- 6 health care, among other innovations; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Currently, women represent approximately 33% of
- 8 active science-related researchers, and, in advanced fields,
- 9 only about 20% of science-related professionals are women; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Although women earn about 85% of health-related
- 11 college degrees and earned 53% of science, technology,
- 12 engineering or mathematics (STEM) degrees in 2018, they remain
- 13 underrepresented in other science-related fields, such as the
- 14 physical sciences, computer science and engineering; and
- 15 WHEREAS, By inspiring a love of science during early years of

- 1 education, girls may be more inclined to gravitate toward a
- 2 science-related career path as they grow up; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Since 2015, the United Nations has recognized
- 4 February 11 of each year as the "International Day of Women and
- 5 Girls in Science"; and
- 6 WHEREAS, It is important that we empower women and girls to
- 7 enter and bring in diverse skills and viewpoints to high-demand,
- 8 science-related fields in which they are currently
- 9 underrepresented; therefore be it
- 10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
- 11 February 11, 2024, as the "International Day of Women and Girls
- 12 in Science" in Pennsylvania.