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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 575 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY SIMS, MILLARD, DAVIS, COHEN, FRANKEL, SCHREIBER, HAGGERTY, GAINNEY, BROWNLEE, B. BOYLE, KIM, SWANGER, MIRABITO, V. BROWN, READSHAW, MCGEEHAN, DIGIROLAMO, ROZZI, PARKER, WHITE, MAHONEY, GINGRICH, J. HARRIS, CALTAGIRONE, CLAY, ROSS, SCHLOSSBERG, FARINA, SABATINA, PASHINSKI, THOMAS, YOUNGBLOOD, O'BRIEN, KORTZ, WATSON, ROEBUCK, BISHOP, MOLCHANY, M. DALEY, KIRKLAND, SCHLEGEL CULVER, KINSEY, BRIGGS, DERMODY, D. COSTA, NEILSON, BIZZARRO, MUNDY, MCCARTER, DAVIDSON, FREEMAN, D. MILLER, CARROLL, MCNEILL, MARKOSEK, DELISSIO AND DeLUCA, DECEMBER 9, 2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
DECEMBER 9, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 65th anniversary of the Universal Declaration  
2 of Human Rights and recognizing December 10, 2013, as  
3 "International Human Rights Day in Pennsylvania."

4 WHEREAS, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was  
5 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10,  
6 1948, in order to sufficiently define the rights referenced in  
7 the United Nations Charter; and

8 WHEREAS, As chair of the United Nations Commission on Human  
9 Rights, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt was instrumental in the  
10 drafting process of the declaration; and

11 WHEREAS, The Preamble of the Declaration proclaims,  
12 "Disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in  
13 barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind,  
14 and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy

1 freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has  
2 been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people";  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights has been  
5 referred to as "the international Magna Carta for all mankind"  
6 due to its intent to clarify the rights of all human beings; and

7 WHEREAS, Each year, December 10th is observed by individuals,  
8 communities, religious groups, human rights organizations,  
9 governments and the United Nations as a day to promote human  
10 rights awareness throughout the world; and

11 WHEREAS, December 10, 2013, marks the 65th anniversary of the  
12 United Nations General Assembly adopting the Universal  
13 Declaration of Human Rights; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the  
15 65th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;  
16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize  
18 December 10, 2013, as "International Human Rights Day in  
19 Pennsylvania."