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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 9, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 19, 2018, as "Celebrating Women in Public  
2 Office Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The month of March is "Women's History Month" and  
4 celebrates the significant contributions women of all races,  
5 ethnicity and background have made to the world; and

6 WHEREAS, While the 20th century was a pivotal time of growth  
7 for women entering politics, women remain underrepresented in  
8 male-dominated fields; and

9 WHEREAS, Women make up 22% of the United States Senate and  
10 19.3% of the United States House of Representatives; and

11 WHEREAS, Nationally, women make up 26.2% of State House seats  
12 and 22.5% of State Senate seats; and

13 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, women make up 20.1% of the  
14 House of Representatives seats and 14% of Senate seats; and

15 WHEREAS, Women account for 51% of the population of this

1 Commonwealth but only constitute 18.9% of the Pennsylvania  
2 General Assembly; and

3 WHEREAS, A woman has never served as governor of this  
4 Commonwealth and no woman currently holds any Statewide  
5 executive office; and

6 WHEREAS, There are currently no women serving in  
7 Pennsylvania's congressional delegation and there has never been  
8 a female senator from this Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania was given the second lowest grade in  
10 the United States according to the Gender Parity Index, a system  
11 that rates women's electoral success at the Federal, state and  
12 local levels; and

13 WHEREAS, Providing opportunities to support women in public  
14 office is imperative; and

15 WHEREAS, Women play a critical role in the vitality and  
16 diversity of our communities and are essential to ensuring that  
17 this Commonwealth is well-represented; and

18 WHEREAS, Recognizing women in public office brings awareness  
19 to the fundamental necessity of their work and inspires other  
20 young women to serve their communities; and

21 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives, noting the positive  
22 perspective a woman's point of view may bring in politics, is  
23 committed to encouraging women to participate in the political  
24 process; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March  
26 19, 2018, as "Celebrating Women in Public Office Day" in  
27 Pennsylvania; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the residents of this Commonwealth unite as we  
29 support women in public office and observe March 19, 2018, with  
30 appropriate activities, events and programs.