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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MAY 18, 2018

## A RESOLUTION

- Honoring the organizers and participants who stood up for women's rights, equality and solidarity in Philadelphia on January 20, 2018, for the second annual Women's March on
- 4 Philadelphia.
- 5 WHEREAS, The first Women's March was a worldwide protest on
- 6 January 21, 2017, to advocate legislation and policies regarding
- 7 human rights and other issues, including women's rights,
- 8 immigration reform, health care reform, reproductive rights, the
- 9 natural environment, LGBTQ rights, racial equality, freedom of
- 10 religion and workers' rights; and
- 11 WHEREAS, The 2017 Women's March was the largest single-day
- 12 protest in United States history and one of the largest in world
- 13 history, with approximately 5 million people participating on
- 14 all seven continents of the world; and
- WHEREAS, On January 20, 2018, approximately 50,000 people
- 16 gathered at Logan Square in Philadelphia, then marched along the
- 17 Benjamin Franklin Parkway to Eakins Oval to once again support
- 18 equality and the rights of all individuals, especially those

- 1 groups of individuals who are marginalized and persecuted,
- 2 during the 2018 Women's March on Philadelphia; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Organized by Deja Lynn Alvarez, Laura Arblaster,
- 4 Nikki Bagby, Beth E. Finn, Amy Martin, Emily Cooper Morse and
- 5 Salima Suswell, the 2018 event's theme was "We Resist. We
- 6 Persist. We Rise."; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The march featured approximately 30 special guests
- 8 and presenters who spoke about women's rights, equality in the
- 9 workforce, supporting economic and civil opportunities for
- 10 women, identifying programs and opportunities for the
- 11 advancement of women, reproductive rights, LGBTQ rights, the
- 12 rights of refugees and immigrants, stopping and preventing
- 13 violence against women and mentoring programs for girls and
- 14 young women; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Participants were also encouraged to register to
- 16 vote, and women were encouraged to enter politics in order to
- 17 change the male-dominated world of politics and introduce
- 18 legislation that protects and aids women and families and
- 19 encourages solidarity and equal rights for all people; therefore
- 20 be it
- 21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the
- 22 organizers and participants who stood up for women's rights,
- 23 equality and solidarity in Philadelphia on January 20, 2018, for
- 24 the second annual Women's March on Philadelphia.