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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 10, 2022

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 10, 2022, as "Delco Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, Each year on June 10, the residents of Delaware  
3 County come together to celebrate the beloved community known as  
4 "Delco" and to raise money for a local charity; and

5 WHEREAS, The true spirit of Delco residents is shown through  
6 their resilience, compassion and ability to be united together  
7 in the cause for common good; and

8 WHEREAS, The "Delco Day" mission is to rally together to help  
9 those in need and the great work of "Delco Day" will be  
10 supported by local media, including the Delco Live Podcast; and

11 WHEREAS, "Delco Day" uses all proceeds to support a chosen  
12 charitable organization each year; and

13 WHEREAS, This year's event will raise money to support the  
14 HEADstrong Foundation, an organization that works to improve the  
15 quality of life for cancer patients; and

16 WHEREAS, The HEADstrong Foundation purchased a home in  
17 Swarthmore Borough and fully renovated the home to serve

1 families affected by cancer on or after December 11, 2017; and

2 WHEREAS, The house is known as "Nick's House," after the  
3 owner's son who passed away from cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, The house offers 2,555 complimentary nights of  
5 comfort, support and respite annually for families displaced to  
6 the Greater Philadelphia Region while seeking comprehensive  
7 cancer care and potentially lifesaving clinical trials; and

8 WHEREAS, Famous Delco residents include:

9 (1) Ruth L. Bennett - Civic and Civil Rights Leader -

10 Ruth L. Bennett moved to the City of Chester in 1914. She was  
11 a legendary civic and civil rights leader until her passing  
12 in 1947. She served as the President of the Chester  
13 Improvement Club. Ms. Bennett opened the Bennett House in the  
14 City of Chester to provide housing and care to women and  
15 girls that migrated to Chester from the South. Ms. Bennett  
16 also started the Wilson Nursery to care for babies and  
17 children in the City of Chester. Today, the Chester Housing  
18 Authority's Ruth L. Bennett Homes honors their namesake's  
19 passion and dedication to the community by continuing to  
20 provide affordable housing to City of Chester residents.

21 (2) Fran Brill - Puppeteer, Actress - A puppeteer and  
22 actress, Fran Brill was born in Chester. Best known for her  
23 role on "Sesame Street," she created the characters Zoe,  
24 Little Bird, Betty Lou and Prairie Dawn, and she even won an  
25 Emmy Award for her work. She graduated from the Boston  
26 University College of Fine Arts and debuted on Broadway in  
27 1969. Ms. Brill went on to act in television shows like, "Law  
28 and Order," "The West Wing" and "All My Children" to name a  
29 few. She retired from "Sesame Street" and puppeteering in  
30 2014.

1           (3) Tina Fey - Comedian, Actress, Writer, Playwright,  
2 and Producer - Tina Fey is an Upper Darby native and graduate  
3 of Upper Darby High School. Ms. Fey starred on "Saturday Day  
4 Night Live" (SNL) and as the show's co-host of the Weekend  
5 Update sketch. She also served as the first female head  
6 writer for SNL. Ms. Fey starred in the comedy sitcom, "30  
7 Rock" and in numerous movies. Ms. Fey has won numerous  
8 accolades and honors including Emmy Awards, Golden Globe  
9 Awards, Screen Actors Guild Awards, Writers Guild Awards, and  
10 Producers Guild Awards. In 2019, The Guardian News proclaimed  
11 Tina Fey as the Best Comedian of the 21st Century.

12           (4) Thomas Garrett - Abolitionist - Thomas Garrett was  
13 born in Upper Darby in 1789. A member of a Quaker family, he  
14 was raised an abolitionist and became especially devoted when  
15 a servant was kidnapped and attempted to be sold as a slave.  
16 Working out of Wilmington, Delaware, Mr. Garrett became a  
17 prosperous business owner, but more importantly, was the  
18 station master for the last stop of the Underground Railroad.  
19 Even under stress from heavy fines, he continued his work up  
20 until the abolishment of slavery after the Civil War and is  
21 credited for assisting 2,500 slaves to freedom.

22           (5) Brendan Hansen - Olympic Swimmer - A former Olympic  
23 swimmer born and raised in Havertown, Brendan Hansen is a  
24 six-time Olympic medalist, winning three gold, one silver and  
25 two bronze medals. He also set world records in both the 100-  
26 meter and 200-meter breaststroke. In total, Mr. Hansen won 25  
27 medals across major competitions such as the World Swimming  
28 Championships, the Pan Pacific Swimming Championships and the  
29 Olympics.

30           (6) Billy "White Shoes" Johnson - Athlete, National

1 Football League (NFL) Player - Born in the Delaware County  
2 Community of Marcus Hook, Billy "White Shoes" Johnson's  
3 incredible speed helped him become a football legend. Mr.  
4 Johnson led Delaware County in scoring his senior year as  
5 Chichester High School's starting quarterback. Mr. Johnson  
6 took his amazing talents and famous white shoes to Widener  
7 University where he set many school records and earned  
8 Associated Press All-America Football Team honors in 1972 and  
9 1973. He left Widener to play for the NFL's Houston Oilers  
10 and won team Most Valuable Player in his first year. Mr.  
11 Johnson retired from the NFL in 1988. At the time of his  
12 retirement, he was the NFL's all-time leading punt returner.  
13 He earned a spot on the NFL's 75th Anniversary All Time Team  
14 and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

15 (7) Jameer Nelson - Athlete and Sports Management - A  
16 City of Chester native, Jameer Nelson is an established  
17 athlete and first round draft pick in the 2004 National  
18 Basketball Association (NBA) draft. Mr. Nelson played for six  
19 NBA teams and most notably, the Orlando Magic. He was named  
20 national college player of year in 2004 while at Saint  
21 Joseph's University. Currently, he is the Assistant General  
22 Manager for the Delaware Blue Coats of the NBA G League.

23 (8) Mike Scioscia - Athlete - Mike Scioscia is a  
24 Springfield High School graduate and first round draft pick  
25 in the 1976 Major League Baseball (MLB) draft. He had a long  
26 and impressive history with the MLB, having been a catcher  
27 for the Los Angeles Dodgers between the years 1980 and 1992.  
28 Following his career as a catcher, Mr. Scioscia became a  
29 manager for the Los Angeles Angels from 2000 through 2018. He  
30 was the longest-tenured manager of MLB along with the second

1 longest out of the NFL, National Hockey League, NBA and MLB  
2 combined.

3 (9) Wanda Sykes - Comedian, Actor, Writer, and Activist  
4 - Wanda Sykes is a well-known actor, writer, comedian and  
5 activist who lives in Media. Ms. Sykes has won the American  
6 Comedy Award for "Funniest Female Stand-Up Comic" and has  
7 been nominated for 14 Emmy Awards. She has starred in more  
8 than 80 films and television shows while also being a  
9 producer and writer for other projects. Most recently, she  
10 co-hosted the 94th Academy Awards.

11 (10) Bill Whitaker - News Anchor and Journalist - Bill  
12 Whitaker was raised in and received his primary and secondary  
13 education in Media. Mr. Whitaker has been around the world  
14 with CBS reporting on major stories, from the Fukushima  
15 tsunami to Tiananmen Square protests and the Salt Lake City  
16 Olympics. Mr. Whitaker also reported on the inauguration of  
17 Nelson Mandela, as well as the funeral for him. He currently  
18 works as a co-anchor on "60 Minutes.";

19 and

20 WHEREAS, Delco has many residents and former residents that  
21 have made a tremendous difference in the lives of Delco  
22 residents, the people of Pennsylvania, and the citizens of the  
23 United States and the world; and

24 WHEREAS, In true Delco fashion, everyone, everywhere is  
25 encouraged to yell on June 10, 2022, at the top of their lungs:  
26 "DELCO RULES"; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate June 10, 2022, as "Delco  
28 Day" in Pennsylvania.