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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 310 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY ARGALL, BROWNE, MARTIN, SCAVELLO, PHILLIPS-HILL,  
COSTA, J. WARD, ROBINSON, PITTMAN, HUTCHINSON, BREWSTER,  
MASTRIANO AND STEFANO, JUNE 10, 2022

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 10, 2022

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing August 18, 2022, as "Roberto Clemente Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania and encouraging the celebration of his life as a  
3 veteran, humanitarian and Hall of Fame baseball player.

4 WHEREAS, On August 18, 1934, Roberto Enrique Clemente Walker  
5 was born in Barrio San Antón, Carolina, Puerto Rico, to Melchor  
6 Clemente and Luisa Walker; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Clemente spent much time in his youth working  
8 alongside his father in the sugarcane fields, while also playing  
9 baseball; and

10 WHEREAS, After spending several years in the minor leagues,  
11 Mr. Clemente was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates on November  
12 22, 1954; and

13 WHEREAS, In September 1958, Mr. Clemente joined the United  
14 States Marine Corps Reserve and served his active duty  
15 commitment at Parris Island, South Carolina; Camp Lejeune, North  
16 Carolina; and Washington, DC; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Clemente was set to be released from active duty  
18 in the United States Marine Corps Reserve on April 4, 1959; and

1       WHEREAS, State Senator John M. Walker wrote to United States  
2 Senator Hugh Scott to request an early release on March 4, 1959,  
3 to allow Mr. Clemente to join the Pittsburgh Pirates for spring  
4 training; and

5       WHEREAS, During his Major League Baseball career, Mr.  
6 Clemente won 12 Gold Glove Awards, accumulated 3,000 hits and  
7 240 home runs, was the National League Most Valuable Player in  
8 1966, was a two-time World Series Champion and was the World  
9 Series Most Valuable Player in 1971; and

10       WHEREAS, Always a humanitarian, Mr. Clemente organized  
11 emergency relief aid flights from Puerto Rico to Managua,  
12 Nicaragua, after a devastating earthquake on December 23, 1972;  
13 and

14       WHEREAS, After learning that the corrupt Nicaraguan  
15 government had absconded with the relief packages, Mr. Clemente  
16 decided to accompany the next relief flight on December 31,  
17 1972; and

18       WHEREAS, The flight crashed off the coast of Puerto Rico  
19 immediately after takeoff, killing Mr. Clemente and all other  
20 passengers on board; and

21       WHEREAS, After his tragic and untimely death, the Baseball  
22 Writers' Association of America waived the waiting period and  
23 held a special election for the Baseball Hall of Fame; and

24       WHEREAS, Mr. Clemente was posthumously elected for induction  
25 into the Baseball Hall of Fame with 92.7% of the vote; therefore  
26 be it

27       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize August 18, 2022, as  
28 "Roberto Clemente Day" in Pennsylvania and encourage the  
29 celebration of his life as a veteran, humanitarian and Hall of  
30 Fame baseball player.