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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 1, 2016, as "Law Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, "Law Day" honors the rule of law as a fundamental
3 right of citizens, providing the opportunity to live under a
4 society of equity and justice for all; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1961, the Congress of the United States encoded
6 the presidential practice into law and statutorily designated
7 May 1 as "Law Day"; and

8 WHEREAS, This year, the nation marks the 50th anniversary of
9 perhaps the nation's best-known United States Supreme Court
10 case, *Miranda v. Arizona*; and

11 WHEREAS, In honor of this milestone, the 2016 "Law Day"
12 theme, *Miranda: More than Words*, underscores the procedural
13 protections afforded to all of us by the Constitution of the
14 United States, how these rights are safeguarded by the courts
15 and why the preservation of these principles is essential to our
16 liberty; and

1 WHEREAS, The Miranda Warning has become ingrained in law
2 enforcement and has permeated popular consciousness through
3 countless recitations in films and television shows; and

4 WHEREAS, Miranda is only part of the story when it comes to
5 the procedures for ensuring justice; and

6 WHEREAS, The American Bar Association has provided additional
7 information on the importance of this landmark case on its
8 website www.americanbar.org; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize May 1, 2016, as "Law Day"
10 in Pennsylvania to celebrate the role of law in our society and
11 to cultivate a deeper understanding of the legal profession.