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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,  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2018 as "#UTILITYCAREERS  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Utility providers in this Commonwealth bring vital  
4 services to our homes and businesses; and

5 WHEREAS, Utility employment represents tens of thousands of  
6 community-oriented jobs with good wages, career growth and  
7 training opportunities and the satisfaction of knowing that you  
8 are serving your neighbors; and

9 WHEREAS, There is a strong need for additional skilled  
10 utility workers across our nation and in this Commonwealth due  
11 to a combination of factors, including an aging current  
12 workforce and the growth of new systems and technologies; and

13 WHEREAS, Utility employment in this Commonwealth is growing  
14 faster and wages are substantially higher than other employment  
15 sectors; and

16 WHEREAS, The average wage for a utility worker in this

1 Commonwealth is just over \$93,000 per year, which is nearly  
2 twice the average wage for other employment sectors; and

3 WHEREAS, The number of utility jobs has increased by more  
4 than 11% over the past five years in this Commonwealth, which is  
5 five times the job growth compared to other employment sectors;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, There is a nationwide and Statewide need for all of  
8 the following skilled utility personnel:

9 (1) engineers;

10 (2) field operators who maintain existing systems and  
11 build-out new systems;

12 (3) plant operators who keep the energy and water  
13 flowing to our communities; and

14 (4) various technical experts, including cybersecurity  
15 experts;

16 and

17 WHEREAS, Nationally, utility providers are expected to hire  
18 an additional 70,000 workers by 2020 and growth in the energy  
19 sector alone is expected to create an estimated 1.5 million jobs  
20 by 2030; and

21 WHEREAS, Utility providers keep the residents of this  
22 Commonwealth safe and healthy and it is important to ensure that  
23 utility providers have the skilled personnel they need to meet  
24 the needs of today and tomorrow; and

25 WHEREAS, It is essential for utility providers, State  
26 agencies, educational institutions and other concerned parties  
27 to work collaboratively to develop a skilled and diverse  
28 workforce to support these essential services; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
30 month of September 2018 as "#UTILITYCAREERS Month" in

1 Pennsylvania in recognition of the effort to increase access to  
2 information about utility career opportunities and encourage  
3 efforts to highlight the importance of educating the next  
4 generation of utility workers.