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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 16, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing The CTC Wellness Foundation for forming Don't Stall,
2 Just Call, an alcohol poisoning education program, which
3 raises student and family awareness of the dangers of binge
4 drinking and informs them of this Commonwealth's medical
5 amnesty law.

6 WHEREAS, The CTC Wellness Foundation formed and promotes the
7 Don't Stall, Just Call program, which educates students of all
8 ages and their families regarding the effects of alcohol on the
9 body, the signs and symptoms of alcohol poisoning, the need to
10 seek immediate medical intervention when necessary and
11 Pennsylvania's medical amnesty law; and

12 WHEREAS, The Don't Stall, Just Call program was created by
13 the mother of a student at Temple University whose tragic,
14 untimely death in 2015 resulted from excessive drinking; and

15 WHEREAS, Commonly referred to as "binge" drinking, the
16 excessive consumption of alcohol is a serious problem on college
17 campuses across the country, as the National Institute on
18 Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism of the National Institutes of

1 Health (NIH) reports that approximately 1,825 college students
2 between 18 and 24 years of age die each year from alcohol-
3 related injuries; and

4 WHEREAS, According to the 2014 National Survey on Drug Use
5 and Health, nearly 60% of college students 18 to 22 years of age
6 drank alcohol within the past month, and nearly two out of three
7 college students engaged in binge drinking during that same time
8 frame; and

9 WHEREAS, NIH defines binge drinking as a pattern of drinking
10 that brings blood alcohol concentration levels to 0.08 g/dL,
11 which typically occurs in approximately two hours when either a
12 woman has consumed four drinks or a man has consumed five
13 drinks; and

14 WHEREAS, Binge drinking can lead to serious health
15 consequences, including alcohol poisoning, which can lead to
16 permanent brain damage or death; and

17 WHEREAS, The signs and symptoms of alcohol poisoning include
18 mental confusion, slow or irregular breathing, hypothermia or
19 low body temperature, bluish or pale skin, stupor, vomiting and
20 unresponsiveness; and

21 WHEREAS, NIH reports that thousands of college students are
22 transported to the emergency room each year for alcohol
23 poisoning, which occurs when high levels of alcohol suppress the
24 nervous and respiratory systems and the body struggles to rid
25 itself of toxins produced from the breakdown of alcohol; and

26 WHEREAS, College students who are binge drinking often suffer
27 and may possibly die because their peers fear the potential
28 consequences of calling for emergency medical assistance; and

29 WHEREAS, Senseless deaths can be prevented when students
30 recognize the signs and symptoms of alcohol poisoning and choose

1 to make the call; and

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a medical amnesty law that provides
3 immunity from punishment for a person who calls either 911,
4 campus security, police or an emergency officer for emergency
5 assistance to report that an underage drinker is in need of
6 immediate medical attention to prevent serious injury or perhaps
7 death; and

8 WHEREAS, The Don't Stall, Just Call program mission includes
9 educating students about the signs and symptoms of alcohol
10 poisoning and offering resources and recommendations on how to
11 properly handle excessive drinking incidents; and

12 WHEREAS, The Don't Stall, Just Call program serves to educate
13 students regarding their protection under this Commonwealth's
14 medical amnesty law when they call for emergency assistance; and

15 WHEREAS, The Don't Stall, Just Call program has helped to
16 save lives, as the program's alcohol awareness presentations
17 have reached thousands of people, including those from
18 universities, high schools, private businesses and church
19 groups; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize The CTC
21 Wellness Foundation for its invaluable work in raising student
22 and family awareness through the Don't Stall, Just Call alcohol
23 poisoning education program regarding the dangers of binge
24 drinking, as well as informing them of this Commonwealth's
25 medical amnesty law.