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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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NOVEMBER 25, 2003

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing December 1, 2003, as "World AIDS Day."

2 WHEREAS, Worldwide, AIDS claimed 3 million people last year -  
3 more than 8,000 people each day; and

4 WHEREAS, Just under 14,000 new cases of HIV infection occur  
5 each day; and

6 WHEREAS, The world's poorest countries account for 95% of all  
7 AIDS cases; and

8 WHEREAS, In several South African countries, at least one in  
9 five adults is HIV positive; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2000 the HIV prevalence rate among pregnant women  
11 in South Africa rose to its highest level ever: 24.5%, bringing  
12 the estimated total number of South Africans living with the

1 virus to 4.7 million; and

2 WHEREAS, Millions of people in developing countries are  
3 living with HIV and AIDS; and

4 WHEREAS, As a result, communities are devastated, teachers  
5 and doctors are dying and futures are shattered when people  
6 cannot afford drug treatments which have helped people with HIV  
7 and AIDS in richer countries like ours; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize  
9 December 1, 2003, as "World AIDS Day."