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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,  
OCTOBER 1, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 6, 2015, as "Demi Brae Cuccia Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Families are the foundation of a safe and healthy  
4 community; and

5 WHEREAS, Domestic violence crosses all racial, social,  
6 religious, ethnic, geographic and economic boundaries in our  
7 nation and this Commonwealth, where one in three residents has  
8 witnessed a domestic violence incident; and

9 WHEREAS, Teen dating violence patterns are similar to adult  
10 domestic violence, with widespread effects on individuals,  
11 families, schools, businesses and health care systems; and

12 WHEREAS, At least 40% of young people between 11 and 12 years  
13 of age report that their friends have been victims of verbal  
14 abuse in relationships; and

15 WHEREAS, Among teenagers in dating relationships, 30% have  
16 received up to 30 text messages an hour by a partner who tries

1 to find out where they are, what they are doing or with whom  
2 they are at the time; and

3 WHEREAS, Teen dating violence includes physical, emotional  
4 and sexual assault and harassment via texting, e-mail or instant  
5 messaging; and

6 WHEREAS, It is the goal of the House of Representatives that  
7 our communities be safe and our youths be protected; and

8 WHEREAS, The Demi Brae Cuccia Awareness Organization focuses  
9 on the prevalence and the dangers of teen dating violence; and

10 WHEREAS, Demi Brae Cuccia was fatally stabbed in her  
11 Monroeville home by an ex-boyfriend on August 15, 2007; and

12 WHEREAS, Born August 14, 1991, Demi Brae Cuccia was the  
13 daughter of Gary Cuccia and Jodi Miceli, who are honoring her  
14 memory through the Demi Brae Cuccia Awareness Organization;  
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That, in recognition of the impact of teen dating  
17 violence on the health and well-being of our communities, the  
18 House of Representatives designate October 6, 2015, as "Demi  
19 Brae Cuccia Day" in Pennsylvania.