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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 46 Session of  
2017

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REESE, RYAN, SACCONI, SAYLOR, TOOHL, WARD AND WATSON,  
JANUARY 31, 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JANUARY 31, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing December 26, 2016, as the 240th anniversary of the  
2 Battle of Trenton.

3 WHEREAS, The American Revolution began in 1775 after the  
4 British colonies began to rebel against the British empire; and

5 WHEREAS, By 1776, the Declaration of Independence was  
6 ratified, and the new nation was struggling to fight against the  
7 armed forces of their former king; and

8 WHEREAS, Commanded by General George Washington, the  
9 Continental Army was the first organized militia assembled to  
10 fight the Revolutionary War; and

11 WHEREAS, The Continental Army had suffered a series of  
12 defeats and, without a victory, the army faced disbandment; and

13 WHEREAS, On Christmas Day of 1776, General George Washington  
14 led his army of approximately 2,400 men, with cannons in tow,  
15 across the icy Delaware River in an attempt to spring a surprise

1 attack against British forces; and

2 WHEREAS, Once the men crossed the Delaware River, they  
3 completed a 19-mile trek during a freezing storm to Trenton, New  
4 Jersey, where Colonel Johann Rall and 1,400 Hessian troops were  
5 stationed; and

6 WHEREAS, As the men neared Trenton, General Washington split  
7 the group to flank the formidable garrison; and

8 WHEREAS, The surprise attack was a great success for General  
9 Washington; and

10 WHEREAS, During the battle, 22 of the Hessian troops died, 92  
11 were wounded, 918 were captured and 400 escaped; and

12 WHEREAS, The Continental Army had only suffered five wounded  
13 men and two men who froze to death; and

14 WHEREAS, The victory at Trenton was a key turning point in  
15 the Revolutionary War for the newly independent nation;  
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize  
18 December 26, 2016, as the 240th anniversary of the Battle of  
19 Trenton.