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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of January 2020 as "National Mentoring  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Mentoring is a proven, effective strategy that helps  
4 children and young adults by matching them with caring and  
5 responsible adults who can provide guidance and direction and  
6 build their confidence; and

7 WHEREAS, Mentors build character, encourage success, lift  
8 expectations and inspire young people to do their best, serving  
9 as friends, role models, teachers and sources of stability and  
10 support during a critical time in a child's life; and

11 WHEREAS, Research shows that mentoring has beneficial and  
12 long-term effects on youths by increasing academic engagement  
13 and decreasing the likelihood of substance abuse and other risky  
14 behaviors; and

15 WHEREAS, Mentoring strengthens this Commonwealth's economic  
16 and social well-being by helping young people fulfill their  
17 potential while helping maintain healthy families and promoting

1 more vibrant communities; and

2 WHEREAS, Every day, residents of Pennsylvania make a profound  
3 difference in the lives of young people by serving as mentors,  
4 supported by many private and public sector organizations that  
5 offer mentoring opportunities for youths; and

6 WHEREAS, The MENTOR Independence Region and the Mentoring  
7 Partnership of Southwestern PA provide public, private and  
8 nonprofit mentoring-focused organizations with the skills,  
9 training and technical assistance necessary to help mentors  
10 administer effective, high-quality mentoring practices to  
11 children and youths in their communities; and

12 WHEREAS, Thousands of children in this Commonwealth are in  
13 need of a caring adult mentor in their lives and closing this  
14 mentoring gap requires more investment, partnerships and  
15 volunteers ready to make a difference in a child's life and  
16 community; and

17 WHEREAS, "National Mentoring Month" is an opportunity to  
18 raise public awareness of the importance of mentoring, recognize  
19 the dedicated individuals who serve as mentors and encourage  
20 more residents to help build a brighter future for  
21 Pennsylvania's youths through mentoring; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
23 month of January 2020 as "National Mentoring Month" in  
24 Pennsylvania; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the residents of this Commonwealth recognize  
26 the importance of mentoring, look for opportunities to serve as  
27 mentors in their communities and observe this "National  
28 Mentoring Month" with appropriate activities and programs.