A RESOLUTION

1 Petitioning the Congress of the United States to extend daylight
2 saving time throughout the year across the country.
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4 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has adopted
5 various versions of daylight saving time since 1918, when the
6 policy originated to support the war industries; and
7 WHEREAS, Continuous daylight saving time was observed during
8 World War II, referred to as War Time, and was reinstated during
9 the 1973 oil embargo; and
10 WHEREAS, Daylight saving time is a policy issue for many
11 states; and
12 WHEREAS, State legislation that provides for advances in time
13 or changeover dates is superseded to the extent it differs from
14 Federal law under 15 U.S.C. § 260a; and
15 WHEREAS, The United States Secretary of Transportation
16 enforces uniform application of 15 U.S.C. § 260a across all time
17 zones; and
18 WHEREAS, Arizona, except for its Navajo Nation residents,
19 Hawaii and the insular territories are exempt from the biannual
WHEREAS, Congress has noted such benefits as more daylight, increased outdoor playtime for the children and youth of our nation, greater utilization of parks and recreation areas and expanded economic opportunity through extension of daylight hours to peak shopping hours; and

WHEREAS, Federal Government analysts have further identified positive effects relating to energy savings, traffic safety and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, The Sunshine Protection Act of 2019, introduced in the 116th Congress, would institute permanent daylight saving time nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Without congressional action, daylight saving time ends November 3, 2019, and resumes March 8, 2020; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania petition the Congress of the United States to extend daylight saving time throughout the year across the country; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress, each member of Congress from Pennsylvania and to the Office of General Counsel of the United States Department of Transportation at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.