

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 6, 2011, 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 Commonwealth and our nation, where 1 in 3 citizens has witnessed  
8 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 teenagers between 11 and 12 years of  
13 age report that their friends have been victims of verbal abuse  
14 in relationships; and

15 WHEREAS, Among teenagers in dating relationships, 30% have  
16 been text-messaged up to 30 times an hour by a partner finding  
17 out where they are, what they are doing or who they are with;  
18 and

1       WHEREAS, Teen dating violence includes physical, emotional  
2 and sexual assault and harassment via texting, electronic mail  
3 or instant messaging; and

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

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

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

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

14       RESOLVED, That, in recognition of the impact of teen dating  
15 violence on the health and well-being of our communities, the  
16 House of Representatives designate October 6, 2011, as "Demi  
17 Brae Cuccia Day" in Pennsylvania.