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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY SIMS, McCARTER, KIRKLAND, READSHAW, HENNESSEY,  
BOYLE, COHEN, THOMAS, VEREB, DAVIS, DONATUCCI, MURT,  
V. BROWN, DRISCOLL, KIM, C. PARKER, KINSEY, ROZZI, FARINA,  
O'BRIEN, CALTAGIRONE, YOUNGBLOOD, BISHOP, FABRIZIO,  
SCHREIBER, BIZZARRO, ROEBUCK, GINGRICH, PASHINSKI AND  
SCHWEYER, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 35th anniversary of the Mazzone Center and  
2 honoring its dedication to providing quality health and  
3 wellness services to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender  
4 individuals in the greater Philadelphia area.

5 WHEREAS, Founded in 1979, the Mazzone Center is the oldest  
6 AIDS service organization in this Commonwealth and the fourth  
7 oldest in the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, The Mazzone Center is the only health care provider  
9 in the Philadelphia region specifically targeting the unique  
10 health care needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender  
11 (LGBT) communities; and

12 WHEREAS, For more than 35 years, the Mazzone Center has  
13 provided quality comprehensive health and wellness services in  
14 an LGBT focused environment, while preserving the dignity and  
15 improving the quality of life of the individuals served; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2003, the former Philadelphia Community Health  
17 Alternatives changed its name to the Mazzone Center to honor the

1 late Dr. Peter Mazzone, a longtime volunteer and board member;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Serving 30,000 individuals annually, the Mazzone  
4 Center is a leader among community-based organizations in the  
5 greater Philadelphia area; and

6 WHEREAS, The Mazzone Center has a reputation for excellence  
7 and innovation in service delivery to its constituents; and

8 WHEREAS, The Mazzone Center offers a full array of primary  
9 health care services, mental and behavioral health services and  
10 LGBT legal services; and

11 WHEREAS, The Mazzone Center's services include HIV and STD  
12 testing, a food bank, housing subsidies for families and  
13 individuals affected by HIV, support groups and outreach and  
14 education programs; and

15 WHEREAS, The Mazzone Center was recognized by the Human  
16 Rights Campaign as a leader in health care equality in 2014 for  
17 the third year in a row; and

18 WHEREAS, After 35 years, the Mazzone Center continues to  
19 thrive as the home of health and well-being for LGBT  
20 Philadelphians and others in the community; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
22 35th anniversary of the Mazzone Center and honor the center's  
23 dedication to providing quality health and wellness services to  
24 lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals in the  
25 greater Philadelphia area.