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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 658 Session of  
2018

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INTRODUCED BY LAWRENCE, CUTLER AND ROE, JANUARY 24, 2018

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JANUARY 24, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the tremendous work of the Lighthouse Youth Center  
2 for its religious efforts in the lives of the youths of the  
3 greater Oxford community for the past 30 years and  
4 designating January 31, 2018, as "Lighthouse Youth Center  
5 Day" in Pennsylvania.

6 WHEREAS, The Lighthouse Youth Center has served the greater  
7 Oxford community for the past 30 years; and

8 WHEREAS, In early 1986, community residents began meeting to  
9 seriously discuss the establishment of a youth center to serve  
10 the greater Oxford community; and

11 WHEREAS, Over time, these discussions grew into actions with  
12 tangible results with the formation of a board of directors and  
13 the hiring of the first director of the youth center; and

14 WHEREAS, The Lighthouse Youth Center, first located in a  
15 space formerly used as a flooring store in downtown Oxford,  
16 opened its doors for the first time on Super Bowl Sunday, 1988,  
17 with 41 youths in attendance; and

18 WHEREAS, With continued support from the local community and  
19 the hand of divine providence, the Lighthouse Youth Center grew

1 remarkably over the years, eventually purchasing and extensively  
2 renovating the building it had rented for many years; and

3 WHEREAS, The Lighthouse Youth Center has provided children  
4 and youths from all racial and socioeconomic backgrounds with a  
5 safe place to gather after school to play games, get help with  
6 homework, learn life skills, deepen their faith, establish a  
7 mentor relationship and eat dinner; and

8 WHEREAS, In January 1995, Mr. Buzz Tyson became director of  
9 the Lighthouse Youth Center; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Tyson has helped to bring about a tremendous  
11 expansion in the services provided to the children and youths of  
12 the greater Oxford community; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Tyson has become widely respected and admired  
14 throughout Chester County for his sincere and dedicated service  
15 to children; and

16 WHEREAS, During his tenure, Mr. Tyson has simultaneously  
17 raised funds for the continued operation and expansion of the  
18 ministry, recruited new volunteers and established mutually  
19 beneficial partnerships with local churches and businesses; and

20 WHEREAS, The Project Blessing Capital Campaign, established  
21 in December 2012, united the greater Oxford community in an  
22 effort to purchase property and build a new, permanent home for  
23 the Lighthouse Youth Center and provide additional opportunities  
24 for the betterment of the community's children; and

25 WHEREAS, The campaign raised more than \$2.5 million to date  
26 and led to the construction of a beautiful new facility on  
27 Commerce Street in Oxford; and

28 WHEREAS, The Lighthouse Youth Center has served nearly 400  
29 youths over the past year and continues to provide a safe space  
30 to grow and develop for some of the most vulnerable populations

1 in the greater Oxford area; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
3 tremendous work of the Lighthouse Youth Center for its religious  
4 efforts in the lives of the youths of the greater Oxford  
5 community for the past 30 years; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate January  
7 31, 2018, as "Lighthouse Youth Center Day" in Pennsylvania; and  
8 be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the  
10 Lighthouse Youth Center, 245 Commerce Street, Oxford, PA 19363.