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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 8, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of February 2018 as "Teen Dating Violence
2 Awareness and Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Teen dating violence is widespread, affecting
4 individuals, families and schools; and

5 WHEREAS, Teen dating violence includes physical, emotional
6 and sexual assault and harassment via texting, e-mail or instant
7 messaging; and

8 WHEREAS, Violent behavior on average begins between 12 and 18
9 years of age; and

10 WHEREAS, Nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide
11 experience physical abuse from a dating partner each year; and

12 WHEREAS, Girls and young women between 16 and 24 years of age
13 experience the highest rate of violence, nearly triple the
14 national average; and

15 WHEREAS, Not only does this affect adolescents and high

1 school students, violence also affects approximately 43% of
2 college women who are dating; and

3 WHEREAS, Violent relationships can have serious ramifications
4 by placing the victims at higher risk for substance abuse,
5 eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, further domestic
6 violence and suicide; and

7 WHEREAS, Despite the fact that 82% of parents believe they
8 could recognize the signs of dating abuse, 58% could not
9 correctly identify all the warning signs; and

10 WHEREAS, The Love is Not Abuse iPhone app is an educational
11 resource for parents and provides information on teen dating
12 violence and abuse; and

13 WHEREAS, The Circle of 6 app is an iPhone app for college-
14 aged students and their friends to stay close, stay safe and
15 prevent violence before it happens; and

16 WHEREAS, The One Love Foundation's apps help an individual
17 determine if a relationship is unsafe and help to create the
18 best action plan; and

19 WHEREAS, Numerous organizations provide direct services to
20 those who experience dating violence, including the National
21 Dating Abuse 24-hour Helpline and Break the Cycle, national
22 nonprofit organizations providing preventive education and
23 outreach; and

24 WHEREAS, Everyone can help reduce teen dating violence by
25 raising awareness and speaking up about abuse when they see it;
26 therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
28 month of February 2018 as "Teen Dating Violence Awareness and
29 Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania to spread awareness regarding
30 teen dating abuse.