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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MARCH 21, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the United Way as it celebrates the 130th anniversary  
2 of its founding and honoring the United Way of the Greater  
3 Lehigh Valley as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, In 2017, the United Way celebrates the 130th  
5 anniversary of its founding; and

6 WHEREAS, The United Way was founded in Denver, Colorado, in  
7 1887; and

8 WHEREAS, Today, the United Way is the largest privately  
9 funded nonprofit corporation in the nation and the world and  
10 there are 62 local United Way organizations in this  
11 Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, The focus of the United Way is identifying and  
13 resolving pressing community issues as well as making measurable  
14 changes in the communities through partnerships with schools,  
15 government agencies, businesses, organized labor, financial  
16 institutions, community development corporations, voluntary and  
17 neighborhood associations, the faith community and others; and

1       WHEREAS, The issues that the United Way focuses on are  
2 determined locally because of the diversity of the communities  
3 served; and

4       WHEREAS, The United Way's overall framework includes  
5 education, income and health; and

6       WHEREAS, The United Way builds on community strengths and  
7 assets, helps individuals and groups with specific community  
8 interests, finds ways for individuals and groups to contribute  
9 time and talents, supports direct-service programs and  
10 community-change efforts and advocates public policy changes;  
11 and

12       WHEREAS, Millions of corporations and businesses partner with  
13 the United Way to address community needs; and

14       WHEREAS, Since 1946, the American Federation of Labor and  
15 Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) and the former  
16 United Way of America, now known as the United Way, have enjoyed  
17 a cooperative relationship; and

18       WHEREAS, More than 40 years ago, the National Football League  
19 (NFL) and the United Way established a partnership to increase  
20 public awareness of service issues facing the country; and

21       WHEREAS, In addition to public service announcements in which  
22 volunteer NFL players, coaches and owners appear, NFL players  
23 support local United Way organizations through personal  
24 appearances, special programs and serving on United Way  
25 governing boards; and

26       WHEREAS, Both Pennsylvania NFL franchises, the Philadelphia  
27 Eagles and the Pittsburgh Steelers are strong United Way  
28 supporters; and

29       WHEREAS, In 1908, Pennsylvania's first United Way was founded  
30 in Pittsburgh; and

1       WHEREAS, The United Way organizations in this Commonwealth  
2 advance the common good and improve communities across this  
3 Commonwealth as places to live and do business through strategic  
4 investments, initiatives, partnerships and advocacy; and

5       WHEREAS, In 2015, organizations raised more than \$177 million  
6 for communities throughout this Commonwealth; and

7       WHEREAS, The United Way is committed to providing vital  
8 programs, including 2-1-1 to help Pennsylvanians find local  
9 resources on health and human services with one phone call or  
10 text, 24 hours per day, seven days per week; and

11       WHEREAS, The United Way organizations across Pennsylvania  
12 have made major contributions toward increasing access to high-  
13 quality early childhood education programs and helping kids read  
14 at grade level by third grade while reducing the high school  
15 drop-out rate; and

16       WHEREAS, The United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley is  
17 celebrating its centennial anniversary in 2017; therefore be it

18       RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the United Way on the 130th  
19 anniversary of its founding and encourage all residents of this  
20 Commonwealth to support the United Way and honor the United Way  
21 of the Greater Lehigh Valley as it celebrates its 100th  
22 anniversary.