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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights.

2 WHEREAS, Diwali is a five-day festival celebrated in  
3 accordance with various versions of an ancient Hindu story; and

4 WHEREAS, In northern India, the tale recalls the return of  
5 Lord Rama from a 14-year exile; and

6 WHEREAS, Upon Rama's return, his people decorated the city  
7 Ayodhya with candles and lights to welcome him; and

8 WHEREAS, In southern India, the legend speaks of the Goddess  
9 Durga's triumph over the evil demon Narakasura, symbolizing the  
10 triumph of good over evil and the return of the light of  
11 knowledge and truth to mankind; and

12 WHEREAS, On the third day, considered the most important day  
13 of Diwali, the lights are lit to welcome Lakshmi, the Goddess of  
14 Wealth; and

15 WHEREAS, While it is easy to get lost in the sparkle, glitter  
16 and extravaganza of the lights and festive mood, one of the core  
17 characteristics of the Diwali festival is to serve and feed the

1 needy during the festive occasion and give thanks for what has  
2 been bestowed upon us so generously; therefore be it

3       RESOLVED, That the Senate commemorate Diwali, the Hindu  
4 festival of lights, and extend warmest wishes for the future,  
5 replete with ever-increasing success.