

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 2018 as "1918 Influenza Pandemic Remembrance
2 Month" in Pennsylvania to commemorate the 100th anniversary
3 of the 1918 influenza pandemic.

4 WHEREAS, Influenza pandemics occurred three times in the
5 previous century, and history and science suggest that the
6 United States and the world will face at least one pandemic in
7 this century; and

8 WHEREAS, A pandemic can cause severe illness, death and
9 disruption throughout the country and the world, and outbreaks
10 can occur in many different locations all at the same time; and

11 WHEREAS, The 1918 influenza pandemic is recognized as one of
12 the most devastating diseases in human history with an estimated
13 50 million deaths worldwide; and

14 WHEREAS, It is estimated that approximately 500 million
15 people, or one-third of the world's population, became infected
16 with this virus and the high mortality in healthy people was a
17 unique feature of this pandemic; and

18 WHEREAS, More than 675,000 Americans are estimated to have

1 died during the pandemic, 50,000 of which were in Pennsylvania;
2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October
4 2018 as "1918 Influenza Pandemic Remembrance Month" to
5 commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 1918 influenza
6 pandemic.