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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 1 p.m., e.d.t.

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR HON. DANIEL T. McNEILL

The SPEAKER. We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of our friend and colleague, Representative Dan McNeill. We will be holding a memorial service for Representative McNeill on the House floor at a later date.

I would ask members and guests to stand now for a moment of silence as we reflect upon the life and legacy of this public servant.

(Whereupon, the members of the House and all visitors stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of the Honorable Daniel T. McNeill.)

REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. So before we go into the prayer, I just have a few more remarks on behalf of the House of Representatives.

We send our sincere condolences to the McNeill family, especially Dan's wife of 32 years, Jeanne; his daughters, Kathleen and Shannon; and granddaughter, Mackenzie. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

As we all know, Representative McNeill served the 133d Legislative District with fine distinction and he will be missed. A loving family man, a proud ironworker, a proud public servant, and he held local and county positions before coming to this House.

PRAYER

The SPEAKER. At this time Representative Rick Saccone will offer our prayer. We will recite the Pledge of Allegiance after that prayer.

Representative Saccone.

HON. RICK SACCONI, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you.

If you will all bow your heads with me and allow me to pray in my faith tradition as you pray in yours.

Lord, we lift You up in this hall and in our lives today. We ask You to send the Holy Spirit on our deliberations this week.

Father God, on this special anniversary, we ask for Your blessings on our first responders and military in harm's way. We ask that You bless the families and all those touched by the tragedy of 9/11, and, Lord, we ask special blessings on the family and friends of our dear colleague, Dan McNeill.

Lord, help us to live a life pleasing to You. Heal our land and revive our yearning for You.

Lord, we thank You for the endless blessings You have bestowed on this country since its inception, and as always, we remember they came from You and not from our own efforts. We give all honor and praise to You.

We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members and visitors.)

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Friday, September 8, 2017, will be postponed until printed.

HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 485 By Representatives CRUZ, READSHAW, NEILSON, THOMAS and D. COSTA

A Resolution urging the City of Philadelphia to launch a public education campaign on the prohibitions and safety hazards associated with pedestrians soliciting a ride, employment, business or contributions along roadways, and urging the Philadelphia Police Department to more strictly enforce State and local laws.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS, September 11, 2017.

**HOUSE BILL
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 1771 By Representatives CRUZ, YOUNGBLOOD, THOMAS, KINSEY, V. BROWN, SCHLOSSBERG, DEAN, STURLA, DRISCOLL, ROZZI and DONATUCCI

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for sale or transfer of firearms and establishing the Pennsylvania Gun Buyback Program and the Pennsylvania Gun Buyback Program Fund.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, September 11, 2017.

The SPEAKER. Members, we are going to turn to the master roll. We are going to announce the leaves of absence here momentarily.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The majority whip requests leaves of absence for the following members: Representative Marguerite QUINN of Bucks County for the day, Representative Daryl METCALFE of Butler County for the day, Representative Jonathan FRITZ of Wayne County for the day, Representative John LAWRENCE of Chester County for the day, Representative Mark GILLEN of Berks County for the day, Representative Hal ENGLISH of Allegheny County for the week, and Representative Matt GABLER of Clearfield County for the week. Without objection, those will be granted.

The minority whip requests leaves of absence for the following members: Representative Mary Jo DALEY of Montgomery County for the day, Representative Flo FABRIZIO of Erie County for the day, Representative Mark ROZZI of Berks County for the day, Representative Jared SOLOMON of Philadelphia County for the day, Representative Isabella FITZGERALD of Philadelphia County for the day, Representative Curtis THOMAS of Philadelphia County for the day, Representative Kevin HAGGERTY of Lackawanna County for the day, and Representative Dan MILLER of Allegheny County for the day. Without objection, those will be granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. Members, we will proceed to vote on the master roll.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—187

Baker	Dush	Krueger	Ravenstahl
Barbin	Ellis	Kulik	Readshaw
Barrar	Emrick	Lewis	Reed
Benninghoff	Evankovich	Longietti	Reese
Bernstine	Evans	Mackenzie	Roae
Bizzarro	Everett	Madden	Roe
Bloom	Farry	Maher	Roebuck
Boback	Fee	Mako	Rothman

Boyle	Flynn	Maloney	Ryan
Bradford	Frankel	Markosek	Saccone
Briggs	Freeman	Marshall	Sainato
Brown, R.	Gainey	Marsico	Samuelson
Brown, V.	Galloway	Masser	Sankey
Bullock	Gergely	Matzie	Santora
Burns	Gillespie	McCarter	Saylor
Caltagirone	Godshall	McClinton	Schemel
Carroll	Goodman	McGinnis	Schlossberg
Causer	Greiner	Mehaffie	Schweyer
Cephas	Grove	Mentzer	Simmons
Charlton	Hahn	Metzgar	Sims
Christiana	Hanna	Miccarelli	Snyder
Comitta	Harkins	Millard	Sonney
Conklin	Harper	Miller, B.	Staats
Cook	Harris, A.	Milne	Stephens
Corbin	Harris, J.	Moul	Sturla
Corr	Heffley	Mullery	Tallman
Costa, D.	Helm	Murt	Taylor
Costa, P.	Hennessey	Mustio	Tobash
Cox	Hickernell	Neilson	Toepel
Cruz	Hill	Nelson	Toohil
Culver	Irvin	Nesbit	Topper
Cutler	James	Neuman	Vazquez
Davidson	Jozwiak	O'Brien	Vitali
Davis	Kampf	O'Neill	Walsh
Dawkins	Kaufner	Oberlander	Ward
Day	Kauffman	Ortitay	Warner
Dean	Kavulich	Pashinski	Warren
Deasy	Keefer	Peifer	Watson
DeLissio	Keller, F.	Petrarca	Wentling
Delozier	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Wheatley
DeLuca	Keller, W.	Pickett	Wheeland
Dermody	Kim	Pyle	White
Diamond	Kinsey	Quigley	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Quinn, C.	Zimmerman
Donatucci	Klunk	Rabb	
Dowling	Knowles	Rader	Turzai,
Driscoll	Kortz	Rapp	Speaker
Dunbar			

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—15

Daley	Fritz	Lawrence	Rozzi
English	Gabler	Metcalfe	Solomon
Fabrizio	Gillen	Miller, D.	Thomas
Fitzgerald	Haggerty	Quinn, M.	

LEAVES ADDED—4

Cox	Harper	Harris, A.	Saccone
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LEAVES CANCELED—3

Daley	Gabler	Lawrence
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The SPEAKER. One hundred and eighty-seven members having voted on the master roll, there is a quorum present.

At this time I would ask all members to please take their seats. I am going to be closing the doors of the House. Representative Carl Metzgar will be offering HR 475. This is a resolution with respect to the September 11, 2001, bombings on our nation's soil. So I would ask all members to please take their seats.

CALENDAR

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. METZGAR called up **HR 475, PN 2371**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing September 11, 2017, as the 16th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, Al Qaeda attacks on our nation and honoring the sacrifices of the victims and first responders.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. The Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House. The Sergeants at Arms are requested to close the doors of the House.

Members, I would ask everybody to please take your seats. Please, everybody, take your seats. All staff members, please take a seat. Thank you.

Representative Carl Metzgar, on HR 475.

Mr. METZGAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

You know, it is amazing how quickly the sands of time dull our memories. I ask, what would you tell a 16-year-old of September 11, 2001? What lessons did we learn? What was important about that day, those who lived through it, and for those who lived through it, what is the sense, the feeling that you have when you think back on, no doubt, exactly where you were and what you were doing on that particular day? What did you feel? What was important to you? And I put to you that I think it was fear. Fear is the sense that was dulled by time. We had a fear of the unknown. At 8:46 we were wondering, what sort of foolish pilot would crash into a skyscraper? How could you be that bad at flying that you did that? At 9:03, when it happened again, we knew very quickly that something was amiss, and then we began to fear that unknown.

Now put yourself on an airplane, United Flight 93, for instance, flying somewhere over Ohio, and they know of this news as well. Then at 9:37 it happens again, this to our military complex, and we are shaken to our core, because we realize that this is no longer just a bunch of fools. They are actually using airplanes as missiles to attack our very nation, the core of what we are, who we are, what we are doing. And I have to imagine that on Flight 93, that group of individuals that were on there said to themselves that this fear of the unknown is unpalatable, that they refused to take that fear anymore and changed it in the most uniquely American way. We hate fear and we hate the unknown. So what is the best way to deal with fear and the unknown? Action. Because now it is in your court. You are the person making things happen. And while they died tragically in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, they were heroes because they stopped the fate of thousands, perhaps, meeting that same demise.

Then on the ground in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, they saw the same thing sitting in a schoolroom. You saw it, too, in Philadelphia, sitting in your own high-rise building watching the events unfold at 8:46, 9:03, 9:37. And then you see a plane crash in little Shanksville, Pennsylvania, at 10:11 – 10:03; I apologize. So the ground shakes under your very feet in small-town America, Shanksville, Pennsylvania. You are afraid because you have seen everyone else get hit and now we are getting hit. The sky is falling, literally.

So what do you do in small-town Pennsylvania? What do you do in big-city Pennsylvania? What do you do across the nation? You are a trucker going down the road in Wyoming. What did everyone do that day? They embraced and harnessed the fear of the unknown. In small-town Shanksville, Pennsylvania, they went and got their most valuable assets, their children, brought them home, and then proceeded to prepare to defend themselves, because we assumed, much like everyone else in this nation, that it was not the end, but the beginning.

And that is what we should be telling 16-year-olds today, that you need to harness the fear, harness the fear of the unknown, in particular, and act, because action is the most American thing that we can do.

Thank you and God bless all who were lost and all of our first responders.

On the question recurring,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—187

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Barbin	Ellis	Kulik	Readshaw
Barrar	Emrick	Lewis	Reed
Benninghoff	Evankovich	Longietti	Reese
Bernstine	Evans	Mackenzie	Roae
Bizzarro	Everett	Madden	Roe
Bloom	Farry	Maher	Roebuck
Boback	Fee	Mako	Rothman
Boyle	Flynn	Maloney	Ryan
Bradford	Frankel	Markosek	Saccone
Briggs	Freeman	Marshall	Sainato
Brown, R.	Gainey	Marsico	Samuelson
Brown, V.	Galloway	Masser	Sankey
Bullock	Gergely	Matzie	Santora
Burns	Gillespie	McCarter	Saylor
Caltagirone	Godshall	McClinton	Schemel
Carroll	Goodman	McGinnis	Schlossberg
Causar	Greiner	Mehaffie	Schweyer
Cephas	Grove	Mentzer	Simmons
Charlton	Hahn	Metzgar	Sims
Christiana	Hanna	Miccarelli	Snyder
Comitta	Harkins	Millard	Sonney
Conklin	Harper	Miller, B.	Staats
Cook	Harris, A.	Milne	Stephens
Corbin	Harris, J.	Moul	Sturla
Corr	Heffley	Mullery	Tallman
Costa, D.	Helm	Murt	Taylor
Costa, P.	Hennessey	Mustio	Tobash
Cox	Hickernell	Neilson	Toepel
Cruz	Hill	Nelson	Toohil
Culver	Irvin	Nesbit	Topper
Cutler	James	Neuman	Vazquez
Davidson	Jozwiak	O'Brien	Vitali
Davis	Kampf	O'Neill	Walsh
Dawkins	Kaufner	Oberlander	Ward
Day	Kauffman	Ortitay	Warner
Dean	Kavulich	Pashinski	Warren
Deasy	Keefer	Peifer	Watson
DeLissio	Keller, F.	Petrarca	Wentling
Delozier	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Wheatley
DeLuca	Keller, W.	Pickett	Whealand
Dermody	Kim	Pyle	White
Diamond	Kinsey	Quigley	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Quinn, C.	Zimmerman
Donatucci	Klunk	Rabb	
Dowling	Knowles	Rader	Turzai,
Driscoll	Kortz	Rapp	Speaker
Dunbar			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—15

Daley	Fritz	Lawrence	Rozzi
English	Gabler	Metcalfe	Solomon
Fabrizio	Gillen	Miller, D.	Thomas
Fitzgerald	Haggerty	Quinn, M.	

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

The SPEAKER. I know members here know this, but to the viewing public, Representative Metzgar represents Shanksville, Pennsylvania, where, just outside of that town, the 44 passengers and crew members aboard United Airlines Flight 93 died.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mrs. DAVIS called up **HR 189, PN 1110**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2017 as "Code Green: First Responders Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. DONATUCCI called up **HR 415, PN 2096**, entitled:

A Resolution designating September 21, 2017, as "Peace Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. DiGIROLAMO called up **HR 443, PN 2270**, entitled:

A Resolution designating July 20, 2017, as "Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day" in Pennsylvania in honor of the amazing accomplishments of Special Olympics' founder and the strong history of Special Olympics in Pennsylvania and wishing the athletes, parents, employees, coaches and the volunteers of Special Olympics Pennsylvania good fortune in the days to come.

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Mr. CHARLTON called up **HR 469, PN 2364**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2017 as "National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. BULLOCK called up **HR 478, PN 2378**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing September 10, 2017, as "National Grandparents Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—187

Baker	Dush	Krueger	Ravenstahl
Barbin	Ellis	Kulik	Readshaw
Barrar	Emrick	Lewis	Reed
Benninghoff	Evankovich	Longietti	Reese
Bernstine	Evans	Mackenzie	Roae
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Cruz	Hill	Nelson	Toohil
Culver	Irvin	Nesbit	Topper
Cutler	James	Neuman	Vazquez
Davidson	Jozwiak	O'Brien	Vitali
Davis	Kampf	O'Neill	Walsh
Dawkins	Kaufers	Oberlander	Ward
Day	Kauffman	Ortitay	Warner
Dean	Kavulich	Pashinski	Warren
Deasy	Keefer	Peifer	Watson
DeLissio	Keller, F.	Petrarca	Wentling
Delozier	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Wheatley
DeLuca	Keller, W.	Pickett	Wheeland
Dermody	Kim	Pyle	White
Diamond	Kinsey	Quigley	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Quinn, C.	Zimmerman
Donatucci	Klunk	Rabb	
Dowling	Knowles	Rader	Turzai,
Driscoll	Kortz	Rapp	Speaker
Dunbar			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—15

Daley	Fritz	Lawrence	Rozzi
English	Gabler	Metcalfe	Solomon
Fabrizio	Gillen	Miller, D.	Thomas
Fitzgerald	Haggerty	Quinn, M.	

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolutions were adopted.

STATEMENT BY MR. CHARLTON

The SPEAKER. At this time Representative Charlton is recognized, I understand, to speak on HR 469.

Representative, you may proceed.

Mr. CHARLTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to introduce HR 469. This is a resolution recognizing September as "National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month." In America, more than 450,000 Americans, 42,000 of which are veterans, suffer from spine-related injuries. Seventeen thousand new spinal cord injury cases are reported each year. This month of awareness offers an opportunity for individuals to learn about spinal cord injuries, recognize the daily challenges encountered by persons with such an injury, and acknowledge the achievements of those Americans living with a spinal cord injury.

If there is one thing we should all be aware of during National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month, it is that people can and will adapt to the challenges of living with a spinal cord injury and discover new roads to excel in life. Today both medicine and technology are evolving at a rapid pace, providing new opportunities for those with spinal cord injuries and moving us ever closer to the day when a spinal cord injury is truly a curable injury.

In recognition of all those affected by spinal cord-related injuries and those working to improve their lives, I thank you for joining me in recognizing this month of September 2017 as "National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

STATEMENT BY MRS. BULLOCK

The SPEAKER. Representative Donna Bullock is recognized to speak on HR 478.

Representative Bullock, the floor is yours.

Mrs. BULLOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and many thanks to my colleagues for supporting HR 478, which recognizes September 10, 2017, as "Grandparents Day" here in Pennsylvania.

Every year, the first Sunday after Labor Day is declared as a commemoration of grandparents across our nation. It is a day to strengthen family bonds, to honor family history, and to encourage people to visit older relatives who require long-term care or in-home care.

Grandparents Day recognizes Congress' original intent for observance of this day: "to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children, and to help children become aware of strength, information, and guidance older people can offer." I know that the intent of this day rings especially true here in the Commonwealth, which is home to nearly 3 million seniors aged 60 and older and more than 300,000 aged 85 and older. That means that there are plenty of grandparents here, and I hope that honoring them today brings them a little bit more exposure.

We must especially recognize the grandparents here in the Commonwealth who are raising their grandchildren when their children are unwilling or unable, a number that is rising, in part, due to the opioid crisis. In Pennsylvania there are more than

195,000 children under the age of 18 who are living with their grandparents. Nationwide, 2.7 million grandparents are raising grandchildren and one-fifth of those are living below the poverty line. Those folks, most likely, face an incredible amount of stress, not only worrying about their health and their own well-being, but also caring for minor children and making sure they have productive lives.

I would like to thank all of our grandparents for their sacrifices and their gifts and let them know that they do not go unappreciated. Thank you for standing up for the values of your generation and for teaching generations to come a thing or two.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Bullock.

STATEMENT BY MR. SANKEY

The SPEAKER. Representative Tom Sankey is recognized on unanimous consent. He will be followed by Representative Bryan Barbin also on unanimous consent.

Representative Sankey, you may proceed.

Mr. SANKEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is not often that Representative Metzgar and I both get to talk on the same day.

As many of you know, my predecessor, Camille "Bud" George, passed away on September 1, and I know we are going to do a condolence resolution for him, but I wanted to say a few words on behalf of the family. Certainly, our politics were not always the same, but the family has always been very good to me, and those members who were here before me remember Bud George—

The SPEAKER. Members, please.

Please, just suspend for a second.

Members, if you could please take your seats. Please take your seats. The good gentleman is talking about – we will have a more formal condolence resolution – but is talking about a former member that is deceased, and Representative Sankey and then Representative Barbin will be saying a few words.

Representative Sankey, could you please continue, sir.

Mr. SANKEY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

For those who were here before me and they got to know Bud very well, he was one of the longest serving members in the General Assembly. He actually served for more years than I have been alive and is very well known for his candor and his old-fashioned way of doing things. He was the last serving member who was a World War II veteran, and growing up in Clearfield County, Bud George was really a name you grew up with, because he had been part of politics at the State level for so many years.

He will be missed. He was a great guy. There are so many great quotes of Representative George's that I probably cannot say, because they will strike them from the record, but they are really great, and for those of you who knew him, we give best wishes to his wife, Edna, and his family during this mourning process. God bless them all.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Sankey.

STATEMENT BY MR. BARBIN

The SPEAKER. Representative Barbin.

Mr. BARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just wanted to rise also just to say, for a moment, he was a very special person in this House. When I came in 10 years ago, I was honored to be on the Environmental Committee when it was really interesting. Bud was a great guy, he was mayor of Houtzdale, and you knew where you stood with him. He was a model, in that way, for what makes things work here in the House. He used to say, "Talk is cheap, but whiskey costs two bits."

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Barbin.

STATEMENT BY MS. V. BROWN

The SPEAKER. Representative Vanessa Brown, also on unanimous consent, with respect to a deceased former member.

Please proceed.

Ms. V. BROWN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is with great sadness today that I stand to inform the public who do not know already that we lost a former Representative from my seat that I currently hold, and that is Representative Thomas Blackwell. I want to give my deepest condolence to his family, let his family know that we all stand with them during this time of bereavement, and we will be coming back formally with a formal floor citation with the family here to present it to them.

So thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Members, we will have formal condolence resolutions with respect to Representative George and Representative Blackwell in the coming days.

STATEMENT BY MR. DiGIROLAMO

The SPEAKER. At this time Representative Gene DiGirolamo is recognized to speak on HR 443, which we unanimously passed.

Representative DiGirolamo.

Mr. DiGIROLAMO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise before my colleagues to honor a great lady, a lady who is probably better known for her maiden name, Kennedy, but should be remembered for so much more. Eunice Kennedy Shriver, to many families who care for loved ones with special needs, is an absolute hero – a hero because she created a program that gives some sense of –normalcy to a lot of children and adults who long to be just like the rest of us. That program is the Special Olympics.

Since its beginning in 1968, which was the year I graduated high school, Special Olympics has empowered athletes with intellectual disabilities to develop self-confidence and become leaders so that they can have a say in how individuals are treated. That first year consisted of 1,000 athletes competing in three sports: track and field, swimming, and floor hockey. Just a year later the Special Olympics right here in Pennsylvania began with 135 athletes who competed at West Chester University, West Chester University right here in Pennsylvania.

Today the Special Olympics now serves almost 20,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities who participate in 21 Olympic-style sports at no cost to them, their families, or their caregivers. The Special Olympics' continued effort to change society's perspective of people with disabilities by showcasing their abilities is an inspirational legacy of Eunice Kennedy Shriver.

On March 24, 1984, President Ronald Reagan awarded Shriver the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, for her work on behalf of people with intellectual disabilities. Although Mrs. Shriver passed away more than 8 years ago, her legacy lives on. This resolution would designate July 20, 2017, as "Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day" in Pennsylvania in honor of the amazing accomplishments of the Special Olympics' founder and the strong history of Special Olympics in Pennsylvania, and I would also like to acknowledge and applaud a young lady who brought this issue to my attention. Her name is Carolyn Phillips. I believe she works for the Special Olympics, and I just want to recognize her and thank her.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Mr. PETRI submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to bring to the attention of the Speaker and the members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives the name of Andrew Robert Tillery, who has recently been awarded Scouting's highest honor – Eagle Scout.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read to the members of the House of Representatives the following citation.

Whereas, Andrew Robert Tillery has earned the Eagle Award in Scouting. This is the highest award that Boy Scouts of America can bestow and, as such, represents great sacrifice and tremendous effort on the part of this young man. Andrew is a member of Troop 147.

Now therefore, Mr. Speaker and members of the House of Representatives, it is my privilege to congratulate and place in the Legislative Journal the name of Andrew Robert Tillery.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Located to the left of the rostrum, we welcome Brian and Sonja Haggert and Carolyn, Liam, and Julianna Heck. If you will please rise. We are so glad that you could be with us. They are guests of Representative Harper and Representative Bradford. Thank you for being with us today.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. Representative Saylor, for an announcement for the Appropriations Committee, please.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There will be an immediate meeting of the Appropriations Committee in the majority caucus room. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. There will be an immediate meeting of the Appropriations Committee in the majority caucus room.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Representative Marcy Toepel, for a caucus announcement.

Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus at 2:30. Republicans will caucus at 2:30. Thank you.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. Representative Dan Frankel, for a minority caucus announcement, please.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Democrats will also caucus at 2:30. Democrats will caucus at 2:30.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Members, we are going to be in recess until the call of the Chair. We will be in recess until the call of the Chair.

It is my understanding that both the Republican and Democratic Caucuses will be meeting in their respective caucus rooms at 2:30 p.m., and the Appropriations Committee is going to meet immediately in the majority caucus room. So we are going to be recessed until the call of the Chair. Thank you.

AFTER RECESS

The time of recess having expired, the House was called to order.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. These individuals, I believe – correct me if I am wrong, Majority Whip Bryan Cutler, but correct me if I am wrong – these individuals have requested to be placed on leave, without objection: Representative Adam HARRIS, Representative Jim COX, Representative Kate HARPER for the remainder of the day, I believe. So without objection, those will be granted.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. Then back on the floor are Representative John Lawrence, Representative Matt Gabler, and Representative Mary Jo Daley. They are all back on the House floor and should be placed on the master roll. Thank you.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE**HB 479, PN 503**

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in intergovernmental cooperation, further providing for ordinance, for content of ordinance, for joint purchases with private educational establishments, for required review of specified agreements and for effect of joint cooperation agreements.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 480, PN 504

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, in corporate powers, further providing for intergovernmental cooperation.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 481, PN 505

By Rep. SAYLOR

An Act amending Title 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in corporate powers, further providing for municipal authorities and cooperation with other political subdivisions.

APPROPRIATIONS.

CALENDAR CONTINUED**BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 1362, PN 1691**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in home rule and optional plan government, further providing for procedure for amendment of charter or optional plan.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER. This bill has been considered on three different days and agreed to and is now on final passage.

The question is, shall the bill pass finally?

Does anybody wish to speak on the bill?

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

The SPEAKER. Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Representative Rick SACCONI has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, that will be granted for this vote and for the remainder of the day.

CONSIDERATION OF HB 1362 CONTINUED

On the question recurring,

Shall the bill pass finally?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—186

Baker	Dunbar	Krueger	Rapp
Barbin	Dush	Kulik	Ravenstahl
Barrar	Ellis	Lawrence	Readshaw
Benninghoff	Emrick	Lewis	Reed
Bernstine	Evankovich	Longietti	Reese
Bizzarro	Evans	Mackenzie	Roae
Bloom	Everett	Madden	Roe
Boback	Farry	Maher	Roebuck
Boyle	Fee	Mako	Rothman
Bradford	Flynn	Maloney	Ryan
Briggs	Frankel	Markosek	Sainato
Brown, R.	Freeman	Marshall	Samuelson
Brown, V.	Gabler	Marsico	Sankey
Bullock	Gainey	Masser	Santora
Burns	Galloway	Matzie	Saylor
Caltagirone	Gergely	McCarter	Schemel
Carroll	Gillespie	McClinton	Schlossberg
Causar	Godshall	McGinnis	Schweyer
Cephas	Goodman	Mehaffie	Simmons
Charlton	Greiner	Mentzer	Sims
Christiana	Grove	Metzgar	Snyder
Comitta	Hahn	Miccarelli	Sonney
Conklin	Hanna	Millard	Staats
Cook	Harkins	Miller, B.	Stephens
Corbin	Harris, J.	Milne	Sturla
Corr	Heffley	Moul	Tallman
Costa, D.	Helm	Mullery	Taylor
Costa, P.	Hennessey	Murt	Tobash
Cruz	Hickernell	Mustio	Toepel
Culver	Hill	Neilson	Toohil
Cutler	Irvin	Nelson	Topper
Daley	James	Nesbit	Vazquez
Davidson	Jozwiak	Neuman	Vitali
Davis	Kampf	O'Brien	Walsh
Dawkins	Kaufer	O'Neill	Ward
Day	Kauffman	Oberlander	Warner
Dean	Kavulich	Ortitay	Warren
Deasy	Keefer	Pashinski	Watson
DeLissio	Keller, F.	Peifer	Wentling
Delozier	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Wheatley
DeLuca	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheeland
Dermody	Kim	Pickett	White
Diamond	Kinsey	Pyle	Youngblood
DiGiroلامo	Kirkland	Quigley	Zimmerman
Donatucci	Klunk	Quinn, C.	
Dowling	Knowles	Rabb	Turzai,
Driscoll	Kortz	Rader	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—16

Cox	Fritz	Harris, A.	Rozzi
English	Gillen	Metcalfé	Saccone
Fabrizio	Haggerty	Miller, D.	Solomon
Fitzgerald	Harper	Quinn, M.	Thomas

The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the bill passed finally.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 980, PN 2153**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the exclusion of veterans' benefit payments from income for Commonwealth programs.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?
Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 477, PN 1711**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in public improvements, utilities and services, providing for public notice and public meeting requirements.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?
Bill was agreed to.

BILLS RECOMMENDED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 477 and HB 980 be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that the following bills be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar:

- HB 171;
- HB 1095;
- HB 1406; and
- HB 1594.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1576 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1576 be removed from the tabled calendar placed on the active calendar.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, all remaining bills and resolutions on today's calendar will be passed over. The Chair hears no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Representative Marcia Hahn moves that the House do now adjourn until Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 11 a.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to, and at 6:08 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.