

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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PARKER, PAYTON, READSHAW, CULVER, THOMAS, SANTONI,
SANTARSIERO AND MAJOR, OCTOBER 3, 2012

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, OCTOBER 3, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 11, 2012, as the "Day of the Girl" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Equality and universal access to education for every
4 girl and boy are among the United Nations' Millennium
5 Development Goals supported by 189 countries, including the
6 United States; and

7 WHEREAS, On December 19, 2011, the United Nations established
8 October 11, 2012, as the annual International Day of the Girl
9 Child, supported and cosponsored by the United States and 97
10 other countries; and

11 WHEREAS, The Day of the Girl campaign calls on communities
12 across the globe to recognize that girls worldwide face many
13 injustices, such as violence, gender stereotypes,
14 discrimination, lack of education, child labor, early marriage
15 and economic inequality; and

16 WHEREAS, The goal of the Day of the Girl campaign is to

1 commence an open dialog regarding the issues that many young
2 girls face and to empower them to fight for their rights and
3 equality; and

4 WHEREAS, Several groups throughout this Commonwealth,
5 including The Women and Girls Foundation of Southwest
6 Pennsylvania, iTwixie, Girl Scouts and the Girls Coalition of
7 Southwestern Pennsylvania are celebrating the first annual Day
8 of the Girl; and

9 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives supports increasing
10 girls' participation in sports, science and math-related
11 activities, increasing high school graduation rates and
12 providing equal opportunities for all girls by speaking out
13 against gender-based injustices, celebrating all girls'
14 potential and encouraging all girls to pursue their dreams;
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October
17 11, 2012, as the "Day of the Girl" in Pennsylvania.