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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Calling on the Governor to declare the period of December 10  
2 through 25, 2001, as a time of reconciliation and  
3 understanding.

4 WHEREAS, During the month of December the Christian, Islamic  
5 and Jewish faiths each commemorate events of major significance  
6 which reinforce basic shared elements of religious belief; and

7 WHEREAS, Jews celebrate the festival of Chanukah for eight  
8 days beginning December 10 to commemorate the victory of the  
9 Maccabees against religious persecution as well as the miracle  
10 at the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem; and

11 WHEREAS, Ramadan, the holy month of the Islamic year which  
12 ends December 13, was set aside for fasting, introspection, good  
13 works and acts of piety; and

14 WHEREAS, Most of the Christian faith celebrates the birth of  
15 Christ on December 25; and

16 WHEREAS, Especially in light of recent events, it is  
17 important to remember the lessons of tolerance, good works,  
18 peace and understanding which are the foundation of each of

1 these faiths; and

2 WHEREAS, Muslims, Jews and Christians play important roles in  
3 our communities and are committed to the principles of the  
4 Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of  
5 Pennsylvania; and

6 WHEREAS, From its founding Pennsylvania has been a bastion of  
7 religious freedom and diversity; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives call on the  
9 Governor to declare the period of December 10 through 25, 2001,  
10 as a time of reconciliation and understanding for all  
11 Pennsylvanians, a time in which we celebrate our diversity and  
12 our common heritage; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives request that the  
14 religious community of our Commonwealth set aside time during  
15 this season for promoting reconciliation and understanding; and  
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
18 the Governor and to the leaders of the Christian, Islamic and  
19 Jewish faiths in Pennsylvania.