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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 889 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY MANN, BEYER, BISHOP, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, DALLY, DeLUCA, DONATUCCI, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GRUCELA, HARHART, HELM, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, KORTZ, KOTIK, MANTZ, MARSHALL, McCALL, MELIO, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MUNDY, MUSTIO, MYERS, PALLONE, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, QUINN, RAMALEY, RAPP, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROCK, ROSS, SAINATO, SAMUELSON, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, SWANGER, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WOJNAROSKI AND MARKOSEK, SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, Inc., for its  
2 dedication to eliminating domestic violence and its support  
3 for victims of domestic violence for the past 30 years.

4 WHEREAS, The concept of Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, Inc.,  
5 began in 1976 with a group of several domestic violence victims  
6 who answered a domestic violence hotline in their own homes; and

7 WHEREAS, The work of this group, formerly known as "May Day  
8 Anonymous," led to the formation of the nonprofit organization,  
9 Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, Inc., in 1978; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1980, Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, Inc.,  
11 opened its first emergency shelter in Bethlehem and has expanded  
12 this program to offer emergency shelters for victims of domestic  
13 violence throughout the Lehigh Valley; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1995, Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, Inc.,

1 continued its expansion by offering counseling and advocacy  
2 services throughout the region; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1998, Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, Inc.,  
4 started a formal community education program and a year later  
5 established a medical advocacy program for victims of domestic  
6 violence; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2003, Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, Inc.,  
8 opened its current administration and community education center  
9 in Allentown; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the past year, Turning Point of Lehigh Valley,  
11 Inc., assisted more than 4,000 adult and child victims of  
12 domestic violence by providing more than 14,000 hours of  
13 counseling services and approximately 8,000 nights of shelter;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, In the same period, Turning Point of Lehigh Valley,  
16 Inc.'s outreach program has provided community education  
17 presentations to more than 9,000 people and has connected with  
18 approximately 1,700 medical professionals on the issue of  
19 domestic violence; and

20 WHEREAS, Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, Inc., continues to  
21 provide vital programs and services to those who are dealing  
22 with the physical and emotional trauma of domestic violence or  
23 abuse while educating the community on the effects of domestic  
24 violence; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate  
26 Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, Inc., on the occasion of its  
27 30th anniversary.