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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MANN, BEYER, BISHOP, BOYD, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, CREIGHTON, DALEY, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, FLECK, FRANKEL, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HELM, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HICKERNELL, JAMES, KENNEY, KORTZ, KOTIK, MAJOR, MANTZ, McCALL, MILLARD, MOYER, MYERS, PALLONE, PAYNE, QUINN, RAMALEY, RAPP, READSHAW, REED, REICHLEY, ROCK, ROSS, SAINATO, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, STABACK, SWANGER, VULAKOVICH AND WOJNAROSKI, SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

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A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 100th anniversary of West Park, located in  
2 Allentown, Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, West Park signifies the first park in Allentown,  
4 establishing a framework for all other park systems in the area;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, West Park embodies a place of respite, separated  
7 from the bustling city streets and complexities of daily life;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, West Park has evolved from a sandlot baseball field  
10 that housed pickup games for neighborhood children; and

11 WHEREAS, Local philanthropist and industrialist Harry C.  
12 Trexler is responsible for the sandlot's transformation to a  
13 lush park featuring rare plants and trees; and

14 WHEREAS, Harry C. Trexler donated thousands of dollars to the

1 park, devoting his time to supervise its planning and building;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, J. Franklin Meehan completed West Park's  
4 construction in two years, yielding an English-style garden amid  
5 curving sidewalks that enveloped the centerpiece fountain; and

6 WHEREAS, West Park plays a crucial role in community  
7 gatherings, containing a large band shell that has accommodated  
8 countless performances by local and municipal bands; and

9 WHEREAS, West Park erected war memorials to honor the brave  
10 men and women who defend this nation; and

11 WHEREAS, Revitalization efforts are under way to prepare for  
12 the 100th anniversary celebration on September 14, 2008; and

13 WHEREAS, West Park astoundingly remains untouched by the  
14 rapid urbanization of the world, paying homage to Allentown's  
15 history as a community and continuing to provide an "oasis from  
16 city life" for its residents; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate West  
18 Park in the City of Allentown on the occasion of its 100th  
19 anniversary.