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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH  
5, 2010

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 8, 2010, as "International Women's Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, March 8 is a day set aside around the world to  
4 highlight accomplishments in women's universal fight for  
5 equality, to raise awareness regarding women's issues and to  
6 celebrate together the victories and achievements of women; and

7 WHEREAS, "International Women's Day" first emerged from  
8 activities of labor movements at the turn of the 20th century in  
9 North America and across Europe; and

10 WHEREAS, "International Women's Day" is recognized as an  
11 official holiday in China, Armenia, Russia, Azerbaijan, Belarus,  
12 Bulgaria, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia,  
13 Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and Vietnam where men honor

1 their mothers, wives, girlfriends and colleagues with flowers  
2 and small gifts; and

3 WHEREAS, The United Nations has designated this year's  
4 "International Women's Day" theme to be "Equal rights, equal  
5 opportunities: Progress for all"; and

6 WHEREAS, There are more than three billion women in the  
7 world, representing 51% of the world's population; and

8 WHEREAS, Women worldwide are participating in the world of  
9 diplomacy and politics, contributing to the growth of economies  
10 and improving the quality of the lives of their families,  
11 communities and nations; and

12 WHEREAS, Women have been leaders, not only in securing the  
13 rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the  
14 abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial  
15 labor movement, the civil rights movement and the peace  
16 movement, all of which created a more fair and just society for  
17 all; and

18 WHEREAS, Since the formation of the American colonies, women  
19 in this Commonwealth have been in the forefront of each new  
20 generation and its advancements; and

21 WHEREAS, Twenty-seven women currently hold a position in the  
22 House of Representatives, comprising 13% of its membership; and

23 WHEREAS, These women and others like them exemplify  
24 leadership, steadfastness and creativity in the progress of the  
25 United States and this Commonwealth into the 21st century;  
26 therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize March  
28 8, 2010, as "International Women's Day" in Pennsylvania, and  
29 call upon its residents to observe this day with appropriate  
30 programs and activities.