

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Condemning the punishment of women in this Commonwealth.

2 WHEREAS, Women around the world are victims of punishment  
3 inflicted by family members, neighbors, acquaintances and  
4 strangers; and

5 WHEREAS, Punishment of women manifests itself in many forms,  
6 including isolation, flogging, caning, beating, mutilation,  
7 amputation, acid burning, rape, honor killing and beheading; and

8 WHEREAS, These forms of punishment are a violation of  
9 fundamental human rights; and

10 WHEREAS, A 2000 United Nations Population Fund study  
11 estimated that 5,000 women are killed each year for dishonoring  
12 their families; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, serving as an

1 example to other states, our country and other nations of the  
2 world, strongly condemn the punishment of women in this  
3 Commonwealth.