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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MILNE, MIRABITO, M. O'BRIEN, REICHLEY, SAINATO, STURLA,  
SWANGER, VEREB AND YOUNGBLOOD, OCTOBER 18, 2011

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER  
18, 2011

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commemorating the 2011 National Convention of  
2 the German American National Congress to be held in  
3 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 27 through 30, 2011.

4 WHEREAS, The mission of Deutsch Amerikanischer National  
5 Kongress, also known as DANK, is to preserve and promote the  
6 Germanic culture, heritage and language by way of underscoring  
7 the rich history, longstanding traditions and countless  
8 contributions of Germans and German Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, Following the aftermath of World War II, a chasm  
10 emerged between Americans and German Americans which gave rise  
11 to strained ethnic relations between the two groups in the  
12 United States; and

13 WHEREAS, During this period, an organization that represented  
14 the interests of German Americans on a national scale became a  
15 necessity; and

16 WHEREAS, On December 12, 1958, the groundwork for the

1 organization was laid in a historic meeting convened by Mr.  
2 Leonard Enders, editor of the German-language newspaper  
3 Abenspost und Sonntagspost; and

4 WHEREAS, On January 30, 1959, DANK was founded and elected  
5 its first board in Chicago, Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, One of the main focuses of DANK was to promote  
7 cooperation and unity amongst individuals of German descent both  
8 domestically and abroad; and

9 WHEREAS, DANK would continue to grow in size, influence and  
10 scope, thus providing German Americans with a robust national  
11 voice; and

12 WHEREAS, On October 6, 1987, DANK's influence would manifest  
13 when President Ronald Reagan proclaimed it "German-American  
14 Day"; and

15 WHEREAS, DANK boasts over 30 chapters and possesses an  
16 impressive network of associate member societies spanning across  
17 the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, chapter of DANK  
19 celebrates its 30th anniversary during this calendar year; and

20 WHEREAS, To mark this momentous occasion, it is with great  
21 pleasure that the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, receive the  
22 distinguished honor of hosting the 2011 National Convention of  
23 the German American National Congress; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and  
25 commemorate the 2011 National Convention of the German American  
26 National Congress to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,  
27 October 27 through 30, 2011.