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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 506 Session of  
2011

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INTRODUCED BY MAHONEY, BRENNAN, BROWNLEE, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, DAVIS, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, ELLIS, J. EVANS, EVERETT, FLECK, GABLER, GEIST, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GRELL, HARHAI, HARKINS, HENNESSEY, HORNAMAN, KAVULICH, KIRKLAND, KNOWLES, KOTIK, LONGIETTI, MAJOR, MALONEY, MCGEEHAN, MILLARD, MIRABITO, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, READSHAW, ROCK, ROEBUCK, ROSS, SAINATO, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, CULVER, SONNEY, STABACK, STEVENSON, SWANGER, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WATSON, WHITE, MANN, TALLMAN, M. K. KELLER AND GOODMAN, NOVEMBER 17, 2011

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
NOVEMBER 17, 2011

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing December as "Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign  
2 Month."

3 WHEREAS, Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee established the  
4 Red Kettle Campaign in 1891; and

5 WHEREAS, Captain McFee saw the need to supply a free  
6 Christmas dinner to underprivileged individuals in San  
7 Francisco, California; and

8 WHEREAS, In order to compensate the expenses of the free  
9 dinner, Captain McFee was inspired by his experiences as a  
10 sailor in Liverpool, England, where the "Simpson's Pot" was  
11 placed at Stage Landing to provide a location to donate to  
12 unfortunate individuals; and

13 WHEREAS, Captain McFee followed that tradition by placing a

1 red kettle and sign that stated "Keep the Pot Boiling" at the  
2 Oakland Ferry Landing with the hopes that individuals would  
3 contribute to those of need; and

4 WHEREAS, The initial startup of the Red Kettle Campaign was a  
5 success and provided disadvantaged individuals of San Fransisco,  
6 California, with Captain McFee's inspired Christmas dinner; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1987, Boston, Massachusetts, also began to  
8 implement the kettle program in the community, and approximately  
9 150,000 Christmas dinners were provided across the entire nation  
10 to deprived individuals; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1901, an immense dinner was served at Madison  
12 Square Garden, New York, with contributions provided during the  
13 kettle campaign, and this tradition continued for many years  
14 following; and

15 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army provides more than 4.5 million  
16 individuals with assistance during the Thanksgiving and  
17 Christmas holidays in the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, All donations placed into the kettles are used  
19 locally to provide assistance to those in need and enhance the  
20 organization's programs; and

21 WHEREAS, Korea, Japan, Chile and additional European  
22 countries also recognize and have implemented the kettle  
23 campaign to raise much needed money; and

24 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army provides individuals with the  
25 chance to participate through an Online Red Kettle Program; and

26 WHEREAS, The online program offers individual kettles, team  
27 kettles or company kettles to which individuals may donate; and

28 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army recognizes the Red Kettle as an  
29 "integral part of the Christmas scene," and it is one of the  
30 most commonly recognized symbols of the organization; and

1       WHEREAS, A great number of individuals seek to volunteer at  
2 the Salvation Army to assure that people in need are provided  
3 with eminent assistance; and

4       WHEREAS, Thousands of individuals rely on the donations and  
5 programs provided by the Salvation Army each day; therefore be  
6 it

7       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize  
8 December as "Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign Month" in  
9 Pennsylvania.