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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 782 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY METZGAR, BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE, CONKLIN, D. COSTA,  
DALEY, DAVIS, DERMODY, DIGIROLAMO, EVERETT, FLECK, GEORGE,  
GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GROVE, HARHAI, HARHART, HESS,  
JAMES, M. K. KELLER, KULA, MAJOR, MALONEY, MANN, MARSHALL,  
MILLARD, MURT, MUSTIO, O'NEILL, RAPP, RAVENSTAHL, READSHAW,  
REED, ROCK, ROEBUCK, SACCONI, SAYLOR, SONNEY, VEREB,  
VULAKOVICH, WATERS AND YOUNGBLOOD, JUNE 14, 2012

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE  
14, 2012

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium for  
2 its projects, such as the Botswana Elephant Rescue and  
3 "Project Frozen Dumbo," which exemplify the zoo's commitment  
4 to biodiversity and species survival and further its mission  
5 of fostering positive, lifelong connections between animals  
6 and people in a manner that brings honor to the zoo and this  
7 Commonwealth.

8 WHEREAS, Biodiversity is important in the maintenance of the  
9 Earth's interdependent ecosystems; and

10 WHEREAS, African elephants are a valuable component of  
11 biodiversity; and

12 WHEREAS, The preservation and protection of these magnificent  
13 creatures reflects honorably on humans as stewards of the  
14 Earth's resources; and

15 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium maintains an  
16 International Conservation Center (ICC) in Somerset County that  
17 nurtures, protects and breeds African elephants; and

1       WHEREAS, The zoo has been internationally recognized as a  
2 leader in the field of elephant husbandry through such projects  
3 as the ICC and "Project Frozen Dumbo," a successful effort to  
4 use native African elephants to artificially inseminate  
5 elephants in America to increase the genetic diversity of the  
6 species; and

7       WHEREAS, Another project the zoo participates in is the  
8 Botswana Elephant Rescue; and

9       WHEREAS, Due to the Botswana Elephant Rescue, three African  
10 elephants were saved from execution and brought to the ICC for  
11 preservation and breeding; therefore be it

12       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and  
13 commend the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium for its projects, such  
14 as the Botswana Elephant Rescue and "Project Frozen Dumbo,"  
15 which exemplify the zoo's commitment to biodiversity and species  
16 survival, and further its mission of fostering positive,  
17 lifelong connections between animals and people in a manner that  
18 brings honor to the zoo and this Commonwealth.