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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 15, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 16, 2013, as "World Voice Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, It is estimated that nearly seven million Americans
4 suffer from some form of voice disorder; and

5 WHEREAS, Voice disorders can impact the everyday lives of
6 those affected by inhibiting their ability to effectively
7 express themselves; and

8 WHEREAS, There are many ways in which people can conserve
9 their voices and prevent the development of voice disorders,
10 including keeping hydrated, minimizing activities causing vocal
11 strain, such as yelling, warming up before heavy vocal use,
12 using appropriate breath support, using amplification and paying
13 attention to voice cues; and

14 WHEREAS, It is important to draw State, national and
15 international awareness to the existence of voice disorders and
16 the availability of services provided by otolaryngologist-head

1 and neck surgeons, the only medical doctor specifically trained
2 to treat the ear, nose, throat, head and neck, as well as other
3 specialized providers for the amelioration of these disorders;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Every year on April 16, otolaryngologist-head and
6 neck surgeons and other voice-health professionals worldwide
7 join together to recognize World Voice Day, an international
8 celebration of the human voice established to help raise public
9 and professional awareness about voice disorders; and

10 WHEREAS, World Voice Day, sponsored in the United States by
11 the American Academy of Otolaryngology -- Head and Neck Surgery,
12 encourages men and women, young and old, to assess their vocal
13 health and take action to improve or maintain good voice habits;
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives join the
16 Pennsylvania Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery
17 in observing April 16, 2013, as "World Voice Day" in this
18 Commonwealth and encourage its citizens to practice techniques
19 that may help prevent the onset of a voice disorder or to visit
20 an otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeon if they are suffering
21 from a voice disorder.