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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BLOOM, MILLARD, VEREB, PASHINSKI, BAKER, COHEN,  
BOBACK, WATSON, THOMAS, REGAN, MURT, ROZZI, YOUNGBLOOD,  
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WHEELAND, PAYNE, NEUMAN AND MARSICO, FEBRUARY 10, 2016

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
FEBRUARY 10, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 11, 2016, as "PA 2-1-1 Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 is a free service available to 85% of the  
4 residents of this Commonwealth to gain support needed through  
5 health and human services; and

6 WHEREAS, Thousands of people across the United States and  
7 Canada turn to 2-1-1 for free, confidential referrals and  
8 information every day; and

9 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 connects Pennsylvanians in need of health and  
10 human service assistance available through government programs  
11 and private and nonprofit organizations in their communities;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 has the potential to provide assistance to  
14 communities in a time of a disaster; and

15 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 connects volunteers and donors with  
16 organizations that can leverage resources to meet the needs of

1 the community; and

2 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 collects data about information and referral  
3 requests which can be used to inform State and local government  
4 as well as community service organizations in assessing needs  
5 and planning services; and

6 WHEREAS, The 2-1-1 system offers a stable Statewide  
7 infrastructure that can be used in a broad variety of ways to  
8 streamline and enhance the work of State government; and

9 WHEREAS, The 2-1-1 system eases the burden on Commonwealth  
10 departments by helping to reduce the number of misdirected  
11 calls; and

12 WHEREAS, PA 2-1-1 is the nonprofit organization assigned use  
13 of the 2-1-1 dialing code by the Pennsylvania Public Utility  
14 Commission in order to provide community service information and  
15 referral, as currently accomplished through six regional  
16 programs; and

17 WHEREAS, The United Ways in this Commonwealth deserve  
18 recognition for their role in raising the funds needed to  
19 provide the PA 2-1-1 system to residents in this Commonwealth;  
20 therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
22 February 11, 2016, as "PA 2-1-1 Day" in Pennsylvania.