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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 761 Session of  
2015

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INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, SCHREIBER, MILLARD, READSHAW, TOOHL, ROTHMAN, ROZZI, MURT, COHEN, VEREB, CORBIN, WHEELAND, JAMES, DUSH, SONNEY, MACKENZIE, THOMAS, KIM, DAVIS, V. BROWN, PASHINSKI, MARSICO, WARD, NEILSON, PHILLIPS-HILL, GOODMAN, CALTAGIRONE, LONGIETTI, TOEPEL, McNEILL, MAHONEY, HELM, D. COSTA, SCHLOSSBERG, PAYNE, DONATUCCI, YOUNGBLOOD, ROSS AND MAJOR, MARCH 22, 2016

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 22, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the legacy of Hannah Callowhill Penn, and designating  
2 March 12, 2016, as "Hannah Callowhill Penn Day" in  
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Hannah Callowhill Penn was born in Bristol, England,  
5 on February 11, 1671; and

6 WHEREAS, On March 5, 1696, she married William Penn, founder  
7 of the Province of Pennsylvania, and the couple arrived in  
8 Philadelphia on December 10, 1699; and

9 WHEREAS, William Penn and Hannah Callowhill Penn resided at  
10 Pennsbury Manor in Morrisville; and

11 WHEREAS, Both Hannah Callowhill Penn and William Penn made  
12 remarkable contributions to this Commonwealth and to the  
13 founding of our nation and were lifelong advocates of peace and  
14 justice; and

15 WHEREAS, When William Penn became incapacitated by a stroke

1 in 1712, Hannah Callowhill Penn effectively governed in his name  
2 and handled all of his other complicated financial and legal  
3 affairs until his death in 1718; and

4 WHEREAS, After William Penn's death, Hannah Callowhill Penn  
5 continued to govern Pennsylvania from England for another eight  
6 years until her death in 1726; and

7 WHEREAS, Hannah Callowhill Penn played an instrumental role  
8 in the development of Pennsylvania and, at the time of her  
9 governance, no other woman in Britain, except Queen Mary II and  
10 Queen Anne, held such direct political power; and

11 WHEREAS, For her historic contributions, Hannah Callowhill  
12 Penn was granted honorary United States citizenship in 1984 and  
13 honorary Pennsylvania citizenship in 1985; and

14 WHEREAS, March 12, 2013, was proclaimed "Hannah Callowhill  
15 Penn Day" in Pennsylvania by Governor Tom Corbett in her honor;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, "Hannah Callowhill Penn Day" marked the beginning of  
18 a yearlong project to recognize Hannah Callowhill Penn's  
19 achievements and contributions to our Commonwealth; and

20 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Commission for Women will present  
21 an annual Hannah Penn Leadership Award to inspire leadership  
22 among the women of this Commonwealth; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the legacy  
24 of Hannah Callowhill Penn, the first woman to govern  
25 Pennsylvania; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March  
27 12, 2016, as "Hannah Callowhill Penn Day" in Pennsylvania.