
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2017

INTRODUCED BY STEPHENS, DRISCOLL, CALTAGIRONE, DIGIROLAMO,
KINSEY, WATSON, MURT, GREINER, O'NEILL, A. HARRIS, KORTZ,
MILLARD, WARD, READSHAW AND NEILSON, FEBRUARY 2, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 2, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 24, 2017, as "Keith Valley Challenge Day"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 1977, Keith Valley Middle School in Montgomery
4 County held a floor hockey marathon to honor the memory of Billy
5 Whitehead, an 8th grade student who passed away due to a rare
6 congenital heart defect; and

7 WHEREAS, In his memory, the staff and 8th graders at the
8 school began holding the Billy Whitehead Marathon and pledged to
9 raise money on an annual basis for St. Christopher's Hospital
10 for Children, located in Philadelphia; and

11 WHEREAS, The marathon was renamed the Keith Valley Challenge
12 in 1981, and students began to donate money raised during the
13 event to additional charities; and

14 WHEREAS, The Keith Valley Challenge is a 17-hour nonstop
15 floor hockey marathon; and

16 WHEREAS, Last year's challenge raised \$68,213; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the last 40 years, Keith Valley students have

1 raised and donated more than \$1 million to 13 charities,
2 including the American Cancer Society, the American Heart
3 Association, the ALS Foundation and the Ronald McDonald House;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, This year, students are raising money for the Make-
6 A-Wish Foundation; and

7 WHEREAS, The 41st annual Keith Valley Challenge is scheduled
8 to kick off on February 24, 2017; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
10 February 24, 2017, as "Keith Valley Challenge Day" in
11 Pennsylvania.