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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 22, 2017, as "World Water Day" in Pennsylvania  
2 in conjunction with the 2017 "World Water Day" international  
3 observance designated by the General Assembly of the United  
4 Nations.

5 WHEREAS, Access to water is a fundamental human need; and

6 WHEREAS, Safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene prevent  
7 disease and save children's lives; and

8 WHEREAS, Water scarcity and water shortages impact billions  
9 of lives worldwide; and

10 WHEREAS, In developing countries, where water collection can  
11 consume 25% of the day, 1.3 billion people are gaining access to  
12 safe drinking water through initiatives of the United Nations  
13 and other global entities; and

14 WHEREAS, Public and private entities across all continents  
15 must pursue unified water conservation work and continued  
16 investment in water infrastructure to make further progress; and

17 WHEREAS, The first "World Water Day" observance stemmed from

1 the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and  
2 Development; and

3 WHEREAS, The 2017 "World Water Day" observance is focusing on  
4 how wastewater is perceived as a valuable resource and its safe  
5 management as an efficient investment in the health of humans  
6 and ecosystems; and

7 WHEREAS, Nearly half of the world's workers, approximately  
8 1.5 billion people, are employed in water-related sectors; and

9 WHEREAS, UN-Water has partnered with the International Labour  
10 Organization for the official "World Water Day" ceremonies in  
11 Geneva, Switzerland; and

12 WHEREAS, Various stakeholders are planning other events  
13 worldwide; and

14 WHEREAS, Nongovernmental organizations in India are  
15 conducting water flash mobs to raise awareness of protecting  
16 water resources; and

17 WHEREAS, Veterans Without Orders has mobilized a worldwide  
18 network of military veterans to confront global water  
19 challenges; and

20 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives affirms that clean  
21 water resources are essential to maintaining human health and  
22 environmental integrity, alleviating poverty and hunger and  
23 instituting global sustainable development; and

24 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives notes that water  
25 quantity, water quality and equal access to water resources  
26 positively impacts homes and workplaces and drives socioeconomic  
27 transformation; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize March  
29 22, 2017, as "World Water Day" in Pennsylvania in conjunction  
30 with the 2017 "World Water Day" international observance

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