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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the General Operating Rules of the House of  
2 Representatives and providing for the enforcement of the  
3 General Operating Rules of the House of Representatives  
4 within the conduct of standing committee business and action  
5 by the Speaker.

6 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives as a legislative body  
7 of this Commonwealth has a long and prestigious history of  
8 conducting the business of the people of this Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives adopts General  
10 Operating Rules in order to conduct the business of the people  
11 of this Commonwealth in a civil, orderly, respectful and  
12 structured manner; and

13 WHEREAS, Rule 3 of the General Operating Rules of the House  
14 of Representatives provides for the Order and Decorum of the  
15 House; and

16 WHEREAS, Rule 9 of the General Operating Rules of the House  
17 of Representatives provides for the Decorum of the House; and

18 WHEREAS, Rule 10 of the General Operating Rules of the House  
19 of Representatives provides for Debate of the House; and

1       WHEREAS, Rule 11 of the General Operating Rules of the House  
2 of Representatives provides for the Interruption of a Member who  
3 Has the Floor of the House; and

4       WHEREAS, Rule 13 of the General Operating Rules of the House  
5 of Representatives provides for the Transgression of House  
6 Rules; and

7       WHEREAS, Rule 44 of the General Operating Rules of the House  
8 of Representatives provides for the Organization of Standing  
9 Committees and Subcommittees; and

10       WHEREAS, Rule 44 states that each standing committee shall  
11 have the power to promulgate rules not inconsistent with the  
12 General Operating Rules of the House of Representatives which  
13 may be necessary for the orderly conduct of its business; and

14       WHEREAS, The chair and minority chair of each standing  
15 committee are not immune to the General Operating Rules of the  
16 House of Representatives; and

17       WHEREAS, The chair and minority chair of each standing  
18 committee shall conduct themselves in a manner in accordance  
19 with the General Operating Rules of the House of  
20 Representatives; and

21       WHEREAS, Conduct shall include respect and civility to each  
22 member of a standing committee; therefore be it

23       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives enforce the  
24 General Operating Rules of the House of Representatives not only  
25 on the House floor but within the conduct of business of each  
26 standing committee; and be it further

27       RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
28 have the power to censure, sanction or impose other punishment  
29 as deemed appropriate upon a chair or minority chair of a  
30 standing committee who is disrespectful or uncivil to any member

1 of a standing committee or who otherwise transgresses the  
2 General Operating Rules of the House of Representatives.