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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 168 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY MOUL, READSHAW, HENNESSEY, SCHWEYER, GROVE,  
CHARLTON, BIZZARRO, FEE, BAKER, DAVIS, DRISCOLL, DUSH,  
SONNEY, BURNS, KULIK, FREEMAN, DIGIROLAMO, LONGIETTI, STAATS,  
O'NEILL, QUIGLEY, RYAN, R. BROWN, MACKENZIE, MARSICO,  
MILLARD, HAHN, ROZZI, KINSEY, SANKEY, GREINER, PICKETT, MURT,  
D. COSTA, WHEELAND, NEILSON, IRVIN, A. HARRIS, WARD, COX,  
MILNE AND CALTAGIRONE, MARCH 21, 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 21, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 20th anniversary of the founding of the  
2 Pennsylvania Gettysburg Monuments Project.

3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Gettysburg Monuments Project was  
4 founded on April 20, 1997; and

5 WHEREAS, A reprinted *Baltimore Sun* news article in the  
6 *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* served as the catalyst for the project,  
7 which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for 146  
8 Pennsylvania regimental monuments and markers on the field of  
9 some of the worst fighting during the Civil War; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Harry Readshaw established a group of  
11 preservationists, fondly called "Readshaw's Raiders"; and

12 WHEREAS, Their unwritten plan gained support as a worthy  
13 cause; and

14 WHEREAS, Various contributors donated money; and

15 WHEREAS, The oldest battlefield preservation organization in

1 the country provided nonprofit status; and

2 WHEREAS, Thousands of school students from all over this  
3 Commonwealth joined in support, as did thousands of Civil War  
4 reenactors, companies, corporations, preservation organizations  
5 and individuals; and

6 WHEREAS, To raise additional funds for the cause, a  
7 commemorative license plate was produced, authors donated their  
8 book proceeds, and numerous sponsors conducted events, including  
9 5K races, Civil War preservation balls and motorcycle rides for  
10 preservation; and

11 WHEREAS, The Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association  
12 website, [www.gbpa.org](http://www.gbpa.org), helps keep people informed on the status  
13 of the project and offers a way to sell books, license plates  
14 and shirts; and

15 WHEREAS, The General Assembly approved a Pennsylvania  
16 monument vehicle registration plate in 2014; and

17 WHEREAS, More than 600 registration plates have been sold to  
18 date, with the net proceeds going to a trust fund held by the  
19 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to provide grants  
20 for Pennsylvania monument repair; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
22 20th anniversary of the founding of the Pennsylvania Gettysburg  
23 Monuments Project.