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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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D. COSTA AND MARSICO, MAY 18, 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MAY 18, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 29, 2017, as "John F. Kennedy Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania on the commemoration of his 100th birthday.

3 WHEREAS, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy served as the 35th  
4 President of the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, President Kennedy was the youngest President ever  
6 elected; and

7 WHEREAS, President Kennedy had decorated service in the  
8 United States Navy during World War II, achieving the rank of  
9 lieutenant, and received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal, the  
10 Purple Heart and the American Defense Service Medal; and

11 WHEREAS, President Kennedy served as a member of the House of  
12 Representatives of the United States for the Eleventh District  
13 of Massachusetts for six years between 1947 and 1953; and

14 WHEREAS, President Kennedy served as a United States Senator  
15 from Massachusetts for seven years between 1953 and 1960; and

1       WHEREAS, When President Kennedy was inaugurated in 1961, he  
2 sought to provide a check on the growing spread of communism and  
3 fight for democracy during the Cold War; and

4       WHEREAS, President Kennedy's resolute leadership during the  
5 Cuban Missile Crisis averted a nuclear war with the Union of  
6 Soviet Socialist Republics and prevented the placement of short-  
7 range nuclear weapons near the United States; and

8       WHEREAS, President Kennedy asked the nations of the world to  
9 join together to fight the "common enemies of man: tyranny,  
10 poverty, disease, and war itself"; and

11       WHEREAS, On January 20, 1961, President Kennedy motivated a  
12 generation by inspiring them to "Ask not what your country can  
13 do for you -- ask what you can do for your country"; and

14       WHEREAS, During his administration, President Kennedy worked  
15 to develop the Peace Corps which calls on young Americans to  
16 serve their country by promoting peace and working to improve  
17 lives around the world; and

18       WHEREAS, To advance space exploration, President Kennedy  
19 challenged Americans to win the Space Race by placing a man on  
20 the moon before the close of the 1960s; and

21       WHEREAS, President Kennedy and First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy  
22 were lifelong supporters of the arts and the "contribution to  
23 the human spirit"; and

24       WHEREAS, While in the White House, the Kennedys promoted  
25 American history and culture through artists, writers,  
26 scientists, poets and musicians and led efforts to expand the  
27 National Cultural Center; and

28       WHEREAS, On November 22, 1963, President Kennedy was  
29 assassinated as his motorcade traveled through Dealey Plaza,  
30 Dallas, Texas; and

1       WHEREAS, After President Kennedy's assassination, Congress  
2 redesignated the National Cultural Center as a living memorial,  
3 creating the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; and

4       WHEREAS, President Kennedy's assassination was a tragedy that  
5 was felt throughout the nation, but his legacy would lead  
6 generations of Americans to work harder, strive farther and  
7 achieve greater; therefore be it

8       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 29,  
9 2017, as "John F. Kennedy Day" in Pennsylvania on the  
10 commemoration of his 100th birthday.