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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 434 Session of  
2017

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INTRODUCED BY DAVIDSON, READSHAW, RYAN, THOMAS, TOOHL, SOLOMON,  
MILLARD, VITALI, HENNESSEY, J. HARRIS, DAVIS, SAINATO, WARD,  
NEILSON, DIGIROLAMO, BIZZARRO, D. COSTA, SANTORA, CORR,  
KORTZ, KINSEY, W. KELLER, FABRIZIO, DONATUCCI, HILL-EVANS,  
MADDEN, MARSICO, CALTAGIRONE, WATSON, FITZGERALD AND MURT,  
JULY 9, 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JULY 9, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 100th anniversary of Saint Laurence Parish.

2 WHEREAS, Saint Laurence Parish was founded on June 10, 1917,  
3 under Reverend Maurice C. Cowl; and

4 WHEREAS, Saint Laurence Parish was born into newly  
5 suburbanized farmland in Delaware County, just west of  
6 Philadelphia; and

7 WHEREAS, Saint Laurence School was opened in 1919; and

8 WHEREAS, Saint Laurence School remains a fully accredited and  
9 award-winning educational institution and is integral to the  
10 parish faith formation; and

11 WHEREAS, On July, 1, 2013, Saint Alice Parish, Upper Darby  
12 and Saint Laurence Parish, Highland Park, merged to form a new  
13 Saint Laurence Parish community; and

14 WHEREAS, Saint Laurence Parish has flourished under 10  
15 pastors and, as of 2015, the parish serves 5,425 people and

1 1,934 registered households in the Upper Darby and Havertown  
2 areas; and

3 WHEREAS, Saint Laurence is a Roman Catholic Parish of the  
4 Archdiocese of Philadelphia and has a rich history that is  
5 rooted in the tradition of the Roman Catholic faith and the  
6 diversity of its cultural backgrounds; and

7 WHEREAS, Saint Laurence Parish has been a beacon of faith,  
8 hope and love in Upper Darby, Delaware County, Pennsylvania for  
9 nearly a century; and

10 WHEREAS, Saint Laurence Parish opened its Centennial Year of  
11 Celebration on June 5, 2016, with an Opening Mass followed by a  
12 99th birthday banquet which was attended by more than 200  
13 people; and

14 WHEREAS, Saint Laurence is closing its Centennial Year of  
15 Celebration on June 4, 2017, with a 100th birthday mass followed  
16 by a birthday banquet, which will be attended by Archbishop  
17 Charles J. Chaput; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
19 100th anniversary of Saint Laurence Parish.