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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 628 Session of  
2017

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INTRODUCED BY IRVIN, BERNSTINE, DIAMOND, READSHAW, TOOHL,  
DIGIROLAMO, BAKER, PASHINSKI, RYAN, FEE, METZGAR, MILLARD,  
BOBACK, MACKENZIE, CORBIN, WARD, LONGIETTI, HELM,  
CALTAGIRONE, MARSHALL, BIZZARRO, BARBIN, ZIMMERMAN, SAINATO,  
PICKETT, GROVE AND HENNESSEY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
DECEMBER 7, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating December 4, 2017, as "Grange Recognition Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of  
4 Husbandry, which was founded December 4, 1867, is celebrating  
5 its sesquicentennial anniversary in 2017 and 2018; and

6 WHEREAS, The Grange was founded as an organization created to  
7 promote the economic, social, family values and community  
8 interests of farmers and other rural Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, The outcomes of Grange advocacy have a positive  
10 impact on our nation today as a result of accomplishments such  
11 as rural free delivery of mail to rural families, the expansion  
12 of rural electrification and the promotion of the Cooperative  
13 Extension System and agricultural institutions of higher  
14 education; and

15 WHEREAS, The Grange currently advocates for enhancing rural  
16 health care and expanding broadband, cellular telephone and

1 Internet services to rural areas; and

2 WHEREAS, Two of the Grange's original seven founders,  
3 Reverend Aaron B. Grosh and William M. Ireland, who were laid to  
4 rest in Marietta and Philadelphia respectively, were residents  
5 of this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Keystone State leadership continues to this day with  
7 Commonwealth resident Betsy Huber currently serving as the first  
8 woman president of the Grange; and

9 WHEREAS, Some high-profile Grange members included President  
10 Harry S. Truman, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, First Lady  
11 Eleanor Roosevelt and painter Norman Rockwell; and

12 WHEREAS, Currently, Nirvana bassist Krist Novoselic serves as  
13 President of the Grays River Grange in Washington State; and

14 WHEREAS, The Grange continues to be a positive advocate for  
15 rural America and an active community-building force nationally  
16 and in this Commonwealth since 1873 when the first Grange, Eagle  
17 Grange in Lycoming County, was established; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
19 December 4, 2017, the sesquicentennial anniversary of the  
20 Grange's founding, as "Grange Recognition Day" in Pennsylvania  
21 to recognize the contribution of the Grange to our nation and  
22 this Commonwealth.