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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of January 2018 as "National Mentoring  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Mentoring is a proven, effective strategy that helps  
4 children and young adults by matching them with caring,  
5 responsible adults who can provide guidance and direction and  
6 build their confidence; and

7 WHEREAS, Mentors build character, encourage success, boost  
8 confidence, lift expectations and inspire young people to do  
9 their best, serving as friends, role models, teachers and  
10 sources of stability and support during a critical time in a  
11 child's life; and

12 WHEREAS, Research shows that mentoring has beneficial and  
13 long-term effects on youths by increasing academic engagement  
14 and decreasing the likelihood of substance abuse and other risky  
15 behaviors; and

16 WHEREAS, Mentoring strengthens this Commonwealth's economic

1 and social well-being by helping young people fulfill their  
2 potential while helping maintain healthy families and promoting  
3 more vibrant communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Every day, residents of Pennsylvania make a profound  
5 difference in the lives of young people by serving as mentors,  
6 supported by many private and public sector organizations that  
7 offer mentoring opportunities for youths; and

8 WHEREAS, Thousands of Pennsylvania's children are in need of  
9 a caring adult mentor in their lives, and closing this mentoring  
10 gap will take more investment, partnerships and volunteers ready  
11 to make a difference in a child's life; and

12 WHEREAS, The MENTOR Independence Region and the Mentoring  
13 Partnership of Southwestern PA provide public, private and  
14 nonprofit mentoring-focused organizations with the skills,  
15 training and technical assistance necessary to help mentors  
16 administer effective, high-quality mentoring practices to  
17 children and youths in their communities; and

18 WHEREAS, "National Mentoring Month" is an opportunity to  
19 raise public awareness of the importance of mentoring, recognize  
20 the dedicated individuals who serve as mentors and encourage  
21 more citizens to help build a brighter future for Pennsylvania's  
22 youths through mentoring; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
24 month of January 2018 as "National Mentoring Month" in  
25 Pennsylvania; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the residents of this Commonwealth recognize  
27 the importance of mentoring, look for opportunities to serve as  
28 mentors in their communities and observe this "National  
29 Mentoring Month" with appropriate activities and programs.