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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 655 Session of  
2018

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INTRODUCED BY STEPHENS, MURT, READSHAW, KINSEY, DEAN, NEILSON,  
HENNESSEY, GREINER, SONNEY, DUSH, WARREN, STAATS, DIGIROLAMO,  
O'NEILL, WATSON AND MILLARD, JANUARY 23, 2018

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JANUARY 23, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 23, 2018, as "Keith Valley Challenge Day"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 1977, Keith Valley Middle School in Montgomery  
4 County held a floor hockey marathon to honor the memory of Billy  
5 Whitehead, an 8th grade student who passed away due to a rare  
6 congenital heart defect; and

7 WHEREAS, In his memory, the staff and 8th graders at the  
8 school began holding the Billy Whitehead Marathon and pledged to  
9 raise money on an annual basis for St. Christopher's Hospital  
10 for Children, located in Philadelphia; and

11 WHEREAS, The marathon was renamed the Keith Valley Challenge  
12 in 1981, and students began to donate money raised during the  
13 event to additional charities; and

14 WHEREAS, The Keith Valley Challenge is a 17-hour nonstop  
15 floor hockey marathon; and

16 WHEREAS, Last year's challenge raised \$46,165; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the last 41 years, Keith Valley students have

1 raised and donated more than \$1,059,830 to 13 charities,  
2 including the American Cancer Society, the American Heart  
3 Association, the ALS Foundation and the Ronald McDonald House;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, This year, students are raising money for the Make-  
6 A-Wish Foundation; and

7 WHEREAS, The 42nd annual Keith Valley Challenge is scheduled  
8 to kick off on February 23, 2018; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
10 February 23, 2018, as "Keith Valley Challenge Day" in  
11 Pennsylvania.