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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 30, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 27, 2018, as "World Spay Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Cats, dogs and other animals possess unique
4 personalities and provide faithful companionship for many
5 Pennsylvanians; and

6 WHEREAS, Not all owners of these companion animals have their
7 pets spayed or neutered, which allows for the birth of unwanted
8 animals; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the American Society for the Prevention
10 of Cruelty to Animals, approximately 6.5 million animals enter
11 shelters each year in our country; and

12 WHEREAS, Approximately half of these animals are adopted to
13 new homes, while tragically many are euthanized; and

14 WHEREAS, The overwhelming majority of euthanized animals are
15 healthy and adoptable, yet still meet an untimely death because
16 insufficient resources exist to keep them alive until a suitable

1 home can be found; and

2 WHEREAS, Pet overpopulation costs public and private entities
3 millions of dollars annually through the implementation of
4 animal control and sheltering programs; and

5 WHEREAS, The practice of having a pet spayed or neutered at
6 the expense of the owner or through a subsidized spay and neuter
7 program has proven to be highly successful in addressing pet
8 overpopulation; and

9 WHEREAS, In an effort to promote the important role that
10 spaying and neutering can play in controlling pet
11 overpopulation, "Spay Day USA" was created in 1995 by the Doris
12 Day Animal League; and

13 WHEREAS, "World Spay Day" is now a program of the Humane
14 Society of the United States, Humane Society International and
15 Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association; and

16 WHEREAS, The continued observance of this day by a growing
17 number of public and private entities throughout the world in
18 each successive year has greatly increased the awareness and
19 efficacy of spaying and neutering as a means to control pet
20 overpopulation; and

21 WHEREAS, Veterinarians, national and local animal protection
22 organizations and private citizens once again join together in
23 2018 to advocate for spaying and neutering on "World Spay Day";
24 therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize February
26 27, 2018, as "World Spay Day" in Pennsylvania and encourage
27 Pennsylvanians to have their pets spayed or neutered and support
28 programs in their communities that offer spay and neuter
29 services.