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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 9, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 22, 2018, as "World Water Day" in Pennsylvania
2 in conjunction with the 2018 "World Water Day" international
3 observance designated by the General Assembly of the United
4 Nations.

5 WHEREAS, Access to water is a fundamental human need; and

6 WHEREAS, Safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene prevent
7 disease and save children's lives; and

8 WHEREAS, Water scarcity and water shortages impact billions
9 of lives worldwide; and

10 WHEREAS, In developing countries, where water collection can
11 consume 25% of the day, 1.3 billion people are gaining access to
12 safe drinking water through initiatives of the United Nations
13 and other global entities; and

14 WHEREAS, Public and private entities across all continents
15 must pursue unified water conservation work and continued
16 investment in water infrastructure to make further progress; and

17 WHEREAS, The first "World Water Day" observance stemmed from

the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and
Development; and

WHEREAS, The 2018 "World Water Day" observance is focusing on
nature-based solutions to the water challenges the world faces
in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, The theme for 2018 "World Water Day" is "Nature for
Water"; and

WHEREAS, The central message for this year's celebration is
that nature-based solutions, including planting trees to
replenish forests, reconnecting rivers to floodplains and
restoring wetlands, forests and grasslands, are sustainable and
cost-effective ways to rebalance the water cycle, mitigate the
effects of climate change and improve human health and
livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, Nature-based solutions can produce benefits beyond
water-related services, such as providing biomass for energy
production, improving biodiversity and creating recreational
spaces and job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Countries around the world will hold panel
discussions, forums, family events, cleanup events, rafting and
kayaking trips, expositions, festivals and contests to celebrate
"World Water Day," explore innovative nature-based solutions and
recognize the precious resource on which all living creatures
depend; and

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives affirms that clean
water resources are essential to maintaining human health and
environmental integrity, alleviating poverty and hunger and
instituting global sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives notes that water
quantity, water quality and equal access to water resources

1 positively impacts homes and workplaces and drives socioeconomic
2 transformation; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize March
4 22, 2018, as "World Water Day" in Pennsylvania in conjunction
5 with the 2018 "World Water Day" international observance
6 designated by the General Assembly of the United Nations.