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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 859 Session of  
2018

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INTRODUCED BY WHEATLEY, GAINEY, KINSEY, HENNESSEY, NEILSON,  
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JOZWIAK, EVERETT, SCHLEGEL CULVER, BURNS, KIRKLAND, MARSICO,  
WATSON, HILL-EVANS, STURLA, CALTAGIRONE, ROEBUCK, D. COSTA,  
McCLINTON, BIZZARRO AND SCHWEYER, APRIL 23, 2018

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

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2018 as "National Jazz Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, New Orleans is the birthplace of jazz music; and

4 WHEREAS, The history of jazz music is inextricably linked  
5 with the history of African-American culture in the United  
6 States; and

7 WHEREAS, Jazz has been called America's only true indigenous  
8 art form; and

9 WHEREAS, Many musicians traveled north from New Orleans  
10 during the World War I and brought the distinctive style of jazz  
11 to Chicago, Washington, New York, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Langston Hughes, alumnus of Lincoln University,  
14 extolled the virtues of jazz music in his famous poem, "Trumpet  
15 Player: 52nd Street"; and

1       WHEREAS, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh made significant  
2 contributions to jazz music in the early 20th century; and

3       WHEREAS, Philadelphia's South Street was home to the African-  
4 American owned Standard and Dunbar theaters, both of which  
5 hosted incredible performances by famous jazz artists Bessie  
6 Smith, Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong; and

7       WHEREAS, Both Kenny Clarke of Pittsburgh and John Coltrane of  
8 Philadelphia helped shape the evolution of jazz music in America  
9 and made significant contributions to the Bebop revolution; and

10       WHEREAS, Jazz music is uniquely American and represents one  
11 of our nation's proudest cultural contributions to the world;  
12 therefore be it

13       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
14 month of April 2018 as "National Jazz Month" in Pennsylvania.