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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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JUNE 12, 2018

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 12, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating August 20, 2018, as "King's Highway Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The King's Highway in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is  
4 the oldest continuously used road in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, The King's Highway was commissioned circa 1660 by  
6 King Charles II to connect America's English Colonies; and

7 WHEREAS, Originally stretching 1,300 miles from Charleston,  
8 South Carolina, to Boston, Massachusetts, the King's Highway  
9 played a vital role in the ultimate independence of the United  
10 States from England; and

11 WHEREAS, The King's Highway runs on portions of a trail  
12 created by the original indigenous tribes, including the Lenni-  
13 Lenape, centuries ago; and

14 WHEREAS, Early settlers carried messages along this Native  
15 American trail known as the Falls Path; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1781, American and French forces led by General

1 George Washington, commander in chief of the Continental Army,  
2 and General Jean-Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur, Comte de  
3 Rochambeau, commander in chief of the French Army, marched along  
4 the King's Highway to defeat the British at Yorktown; and

5 WHEREAS, A portion of the King's Highway was designated as  
6 the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R) and National  
7 Historic Trail in 2009; and

8 WHEREAS, General George Washington marched up the King's  
9 Highway to New York from Philadelphia for his presidential  
10 inauguration on April 30, 1789; and

11 WHEREAS, The documentary film The King's Highway took home  
12 the Best Feature Documentary prize at the 2016 First Glance Film  
13 Festival in Philadelphia; and

14 WHEREAS, The film premiered at one of the last standing  
15 theaters on the King's Highway, the Devon Theater, on August 20,  
16 2016; and

17 WHEREAS, The Perelman Theater within the Kimmel Center for  
18 the Performing Arts was the proud venue for the global premiere  
19 of the film in December 2016; and

20 WHEREAS, All showings of the film were sold out, and since  
21 then the film has caused quite a movement in historic  
22 preservation; and

23 WHEREAS, The King's Highway Foundation, a nonprofit  
24 organization, continues to educate the public on the history of  
25 Northeast Philadelphia, preserve historic buildings and spread  
26 awareness of the significance of the King's Highway to the  
27 community; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate August  
29 20, 2018, as "King's Highway Day" in Pennsylvania.