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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1143 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY NELSON, ROE, HENNESSEY, NEILSON, READSHAW,  
SCHLOSSBERG, DIGIROLAMO, DUSH, SONNEY, BIZZARRO, CORBIN,  
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LONGIETTI, KAUFFMAN, PICKETT, KINSEY, EVERETT, SCHWEYER,  
STAATS, WARD, DRISCOLL AND PHILLIPS-HILL, OCTOBER 9, 2018

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

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 6, 2018, as "Domestic Violence Awareness  
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Families are the foundation of a safe and healthy  
4 community; and

5 WHEREAS, Domestic violence crosses all racial, social,  
6 religious, ethnic, geographic and economic boundaries in this  
7 Commonwealth and our nation; and

8 WHEREAS, One in three residents in this Commonwealth has  
9 witnessed a domestic violence incident; and

10 WHEREAS, Teen dating violence patterns are similar to adult  
11 domestic violence, with widespread effects on individuals,  
12 families, schools, businesses and health care systems; and

13 WHEREAS, At least 40% of youths between 11 and 12 years of  
14 age report that their friends have been victims of verbal abuse  
15 in relationships; and

16 WHEREAS, Among teenagers in dating relationships, 30% have

1 received up to 30 text messages an hour from a partner who tries  
2 to find out where they are, what they are doing or with whom  
3 they are at the time; and

4 WHEREAS, Teen dating violence includes physical, emotional  
5 and sexual assault and harassment via texting, e-mail or instant  
6 messaging; and

7 WHEREAS, It is the goal of the House of Representatives that  
8 our communities be safe and our youths be protected; and

9 WHEREAS, The Demi Brae Cuccia Awareness Organization focuses  
10 on the prevalence and the dangers of teen dating violence; and

11 WHEREAS, Demi Brae Cuccia was fatally stabbed in her  
12 Monroeville home by an ex-boyfriend on August 15, 2007; and

13 WHEREAS, Born August 14, 1991, Demi Brae Cuccia was the  
14 daughter of Gary Cuccia and Jodi Miceli, who are honoring her  
15 memory through the Demi Brae Cuccia Awareness Organization;  
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That, in recognition of the impact of teen dating  
18 violence on the health and well-being of our communities, the  
19 House of Representatives designate October 6, 2018, as "Domestic  
20 Violence Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.