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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY STEPHENS, MURT, READSHAW, HENNESSEY, KORTZ,  
DIGIROLAMO, HILL-EVANS, LONGIETTI, CALTAGIRONE, STAATS,  
BURNS, THOMAS, MILLARD, MEHAFFIE, KINSEY AND NEILSON,  
JANUARY 29, 2019

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JANUARY 29, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 22, 2019, as "Keith Valley Challenge Day"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 1977, Keith Valley Middle School in Montgomery  
4 County held a floor hockey marathon to honor the memory of Billy  
5 Whitehead, an eighth grade student who passed away due to a rare  
6 congenital heart defect; and

7 WHEREAS, In his memory, the staff and eighth grade students  
8 at the school began holding the Billy Whitehead Marathon and  
9 pledged to raise money on an annual basis for St. Christopher's  
10 Hospital for Children, located in Philadelphia; and

11 WHEREAS, The marathon was renamed the Keith Valley Challenge  
12 in 1981, and students began to donate money raised during the  
13 event to additional charities; and

14 WHEREAS, The Keith Valley Challenge is a 17-hour nonstop  
15 floor hockey marathon; and

16 WHEREAS, Last year's challenge raised \$41,009; and

1       WHEREAS, Over the last 42 years, Keith Valley students have  
2 raised and donated more than \$1,100,838 to at least 14  
3 charities, including the American Cancer Society, the American  
4 Heart Association, the ALS Foundation and the Ronald McDonald  
5 House; and

6       WHEREAS, This year, students are raising money for the Make-  
7 A-Wish Foundation; and

8       WHEREAS, The 43rd annual Keith Valley Challenge is scheduled  
9 to kick off on February 22, 2019; therefore be it

10      RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
11 February 22, 2019, as "Keith Valley Challenge Day" in  
12 Pennsylvania.