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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 19, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 22, 2019, as "March for Meals Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Hunger among senior citizens in America is a serious  
4 and pervasive problem, with one in six seniors threatened by  
5 hunger; and

6 WHEREAS, Research indicates that 10.2 million seniors across  
7 the country, and nearly 320,000 seniors in Pennsylvania, face  
8 the threat of hunger; and

9 WHEREAS, Currently, 15.7 million seniors across the country,  
10 and nearly 740,000 seniors in Pennsylvania, are isolated and  
11 living alone; and

12 WHEREAS, Currently, 18.7 million seniors across the country,  
13 and nearly 812,000 seniors in Pennsylvania, have difficulty  
14 paying for basic living needs; and

15 WHEREAS, The senior population in the United States, and in  
16 this Commonwealth, is projected to double by 2050; and

1       WHEREAS, The Meals on Wheels Association of America (MOWAA)  
2 annually sponsors the March for Meals campaign, which is  
3 designed to raise awareness of senior hunger and encourage  
4 action at the local level; and

5       WHEREAS, Senior nutrition programs across the United States  
6 promote March for Meals in their communities through public  
7 events, volunteer recruitment efforts, partnerships with local  
8 businesses and fundraising initiatives; and

9       WHEREAS, MOWAA is the oldest and largest national  
10 organization supporting the more than 5,000 community-based  
11 programs across the country that are dedicated to addressing  
12 senior isolation and hunger; and

13       WHEREAS, MOWAA coalesces the resources of the Federal and  
14 state governments, local community organizations and businesses,  
15 donors and 2 million volunteers into a national safety net for  
16 Americans who are 60 years of age or older; and

17       WHEREAS, For millions of Americans, including more than  
18 100,000 Pennsylvanians, MOWAA enables seniors to remain more  
19 healthy and independent, saving billions of dollars in health  
20 care costs and allowing seniors to remain in their own homes  
21 rather than relocating to a nursing facility; and

22       WHEREAS, An important goal of the 2010 March for Meals  
23 campaign was to have Americans team up with their local Meals on  
24 Wheels program and take a pledge to end senior hunger in the  
25 United States by 2020; and

26       WHEREAS, To achieve this mission, MOWAA has set a goal to  
27 recruit 6 million people willing to pledge to do whatever is  
28 necessary to end senior hunger; and

29       WHEREAS, The annual March for Meals campaign hopes to  
30 continue its significant contribution toward realizing this

1 ambitious and most worthy goal, and residents of this  
2 Commonwealth are encouraged to participate in this effort to  
3 fight senior citizen hunger; therefore be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March  
5 22, 2019, as "March for Meals Day" in Pennsylvania.