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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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B. MILLER, SCHWEYER AND HOWARD, APRIL 25, 2019

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 25, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 27, 2019, as "World Veterinary Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "World Veterinary Day" is globally celebrated to  
4 highlight and promote the different facets of work performed by  
5 veterinarians across the world and to raise awareness of their  
6 contribution to improve animal health and welfare and public  
7 health; and

8 WHEREAS, "World Veterinary Day" recognizes the vital role of  
9 veterinarians and acknowledges the high respect for  
10 veterinarians, their challenging work, long hours, educational  
11 investments, dedication and compassion; and

12 WHEREAS, The World Veterinary Association and the World  
13 Organization for Animal Health proclaimed the theme of 2019  
14 "World Veterinary Day" as "Value of Vaccination"; and

15 WHEREAS, Vaccination is an essential tool for preventative

1 veterinary medicine, providing effective, inexpensive ways to  
2 prevent deadly diseases from harming animals; and

3 WHEREAS, Vaccination can also prevent infections from  
4 spreading to other animals, greatly reducing the risk of the  
5 kind of disease outbreaks that result in catastrophic loss of  
6 life; and

7 WHEREAS, Vaccinations and the animals they save play a huge  
8 role in communities where livestock plays a central role as many  
9 lives across the world are entirely dependent on those animals;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to America's first veterinary  
12 school, the University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary  
13 Medicine, established in Philadelphia in 1884, an institution  
14 that continues to be a preeminent leader in veterinary research  
15 and education; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the birthplace of organized  
17 veterinary medicine; and

18 WHEREAS, Veterinarians must continue to make advancements in  
19 disease control management and improve animal welfare; and

20 WHEREAS, "World Veterinary Day" was first organized in 2000  
21 by the World Organization for Animal Health and the World  
22 Veterinary Association; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April  
24 27, 2019, as "World Veterinary Day" in Pennsylvania and join  
25 other states and countries in celebrating "World Veterinary  
26 Day"; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
28 role of the veterinary profession in improving the health and  
29 welfare of all animals in Pennsylvania, from companion animals  
30 to production animals to wildlife, and the profession's

- 1 enhancement of public and environmental health throughout
- 2 Pennsylvania.