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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2019 as "Building Safety Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives is committed to  
4 recognizing that our growth and strength depend on the safety  
5 and economic value of the homes, buildings and infrastructure  
6 that serve our residents in everyday life and in times of  
7 natural disaster; and

8 WHEREAS, Confidence in the structural integrity of the  
9 buildings and other structures within our communities is  
10 achieved through the work of building safety and fire prevention  
11 officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design  
12 professionals, laborers and others in the construction industry;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Many of these individuals are members of the  
15 International Code Council (ICC), a United States-based  
16 organization that brings together Federal, State and local

1 officials to create and recommend standards for the buildings  
2 where we live, learn, work, worship and play; and

3 WHEREAS, The members of the Pennsylvania Association of  
4 Building Code Officials (PABCO), the ICC's Pennsylvania State  
5 Professional Chapter, and the members of other ICC chapters in  
6 this Commonwealth, including the Lancaster County Code  
7 Association, the Berks County Building and Code Association, the  
8 Pennsylvania Building Officials Conference, the Commonwealth  
9 Building Officials, the Pennsylvania Association of Code  
10 Officials, the Pennsylvania Association of Fire Code Officials,  
11 the Professional Chapter of Western Pennsylvania, the Liberty  
12 Chapter of Philadelphia and PennBOC Regions 1, 2, 3 and 5  
13 develop and implement the highest quality codes to protect  
14 Pennsylvanians in the buildings where we live, learn, work,  
15 worship and play; and

16 WHEREAS, Our nation benefits from using the ICC codes that  
17 are produced by a national, voluntary consensus codes and  
18 standards development organization; and

19 WHEREAS, Our government is able to avoid the cost and  
20 complexity of developing and maintaining these codes, which are  
21 the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention  
22 codes in the nation; and

23 WHEREAS, These codes include safeguards to protect the public  
24 from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms,  
25 tornadoes, wild land fires, floods and earthquakes; and

26 WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month" is sponsored by ICC and  
27 PABCO, along with all other ICC chapters in this Commonwealth;  
28 and

29 WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month" in 2019 raises awareness  
30 that all communities need building codes to protect their

1 residents from disasters such as fires, weather-related events  
2 and structural collapse; and

3 WHEREAS, Building codes are society's best way of protecting  
4 homes, offices, schools, manufacturing facilities, stores and  
5 entertainment venues; and

6 WHEREAS, Code officials work day in and day out to keep the  
7 public safe; and

8 WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month" encourages all  
9 Pennsylvanians to be aware of the importance of safe and  
10 resilient building construction, fire prevention, disaster  
11 mitigation and new technologies in the construction industry and  
12 to take appropriate steps to ensure that the places where we  
13 live, learn, work, worship and play are safe; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
15 month of May 2019 as "Building Safety Month" in Pennsylvania;  
16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That residents of this Commonwealth consider  
18 projects to improve safe building construction at home and in  
19 the community and acknowledge the essential service provided by  
20 Federal agencies and State and local building departments in  
21 protecting lives and property; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That Pennsylvanians be encouraged to join  
23 communities across America in participating in "Building Safety  
24 Month" activities.