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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY TURZAI, ROTHMAN, RABB, READSHAW, OWLETT, KAUFFMAN,  
GILLESPIE, SCHMITT, MOUL, HOHENSTEIN, GREINER, MERSKI,  
DIGIROLAMO, RYAN, SONNEY, WILLIAMS, KINSEY AND HEFFLEY,  
JUNE 7, 2019

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 7, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the life of John Lukacs and extending condolences on  
2 his passing.

3 WHEREAS, John Lukacs was born January 31, 1924, in Budapest,  
4 Hungary; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Lukacs survived the Nazi occupation of Hungary  
6 during his youth; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Lukacs fled to the United States once Hungary  
8 became occupied and controlled by the Soviet Union; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1946, Mr. Lukacs became a professor of history at  
10 Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Lukacs also served as a visiting professor at  
12 Columbia University, Johns Hopkins University, La Salle  
13 University and Princeton University; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Lukacs became an authority on Eastern European  
15 history, World War II and the Cold War; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Lukacs published 35 books on these and other

1 subjects throughout his career; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Lukacs' book "Five Days in London" inspired the  
3 Academy-Award-winning film "Darkest Hour"; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Lukacs continued to teach at Chestnut Hill  
5 College for 48 years, until 1994; and

6 WHEREAS, On May 6, 2019, Mr. Lukacs passed away in his home  
7 at 95 years of age; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Lukacs is preceded in death by two of his wives,  
9 Helen Schofield and Stephanie Harvey, and is survived by his son  
10 Paul Lukacs, daughter Annemarie Cochrane, stepchildren Charles  
11 Segal, Peter Segal and Hilary Felton, and five grandchildren;  
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrate the  
14 life of John Lukacs and extend condolences to his family and  
15 friends.