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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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READSHAW, MOUL, NEILSON, WILLIAMS, SAYLOR, HEFFLEY AND  
SAINATO, JUNE 11, 2019

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 11, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Pennsylvania American Legion Auxiliary Keystone  
2 Girls State program being held during the week of June 16,  
3 2019.

4 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania American Legion Auxiliary Keystone  
5 Girls State program is an educational workshop for high school  
6 student leaders, such as student government officers, athletic  
7 team captains and prominent student organization officers; and

8 WHEREAS, The purpose of the program is to teach the young  
9 people of today constructive attitudes toward the American form  
10 of government; and

11 WHEREAS, High school students in their junior year are  
12 selected for participation in this program based upon having  
13 displayed leadership qualities and high moral character and  
14 maintaining high scholastic standing; and

15 WHEREAS, Students selected to attend the program have the  
16 opportunity to gain leadership skills through a variety of

1 activities and presentations during the one-week program at  
2 Shippensburg University; and

3 WHEREAS, The program is a practical school of government  
4 conducted on an education-by-participation basis, the hallmark  
5 and focus of which is an experientially based government  
6 exercise whereby participants take on roles and practice the  
7 procedures and operations in the organization and operation of  
8 mock cities; and

9 WHEREAS, The hands-on format requires the participants to  
10 form and operate two fictitious political parties; and

11 WHEREAS, A dedicated group of volunteers teaches students  
12 about the fundamentals of the legislative process, the branches  
13 of government and parliamentary procedure; and

14 WHEREAS, The students learn lifelong lessons in leadership,  
15 teamwork, advocacy, consensus building and respect; and

16 WHEREAS, Students leave the program enriched and use what  
17 they learned throughout their lives for the betterment of our  
18 country; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
20 Pennsylvania American Legion Auxiliary Keystone Girls State  
21 program being held during the week of June 16, 2019; and be it  
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the  
24 Pennsylvania American Legion Auxiliary for its contributions in  
25 supporting and promoting the leadership skills of promising  
26 young Pennsylvanians and enhancing their understanding of our  
27 American form of government through practical teaching and  
28 personal involvement.