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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 11, 2019, as the "Day of the Girl" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Equality and universal access to education for every
4 girl and boy are among the United Nations Millennium Development
5 Goals signed in September 2000 by 189 members of the United
6 Nations, including the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, On December 19, 2011, the United Nations established
8 October 11 as the annual "International Day of the Girl Child,"
9 which was first observed in 2012; and

10 WHEREAS, The "Day of the Girl" campaign calls on communities
11 across the globe to recognize that girls worldwide face many
12 injustices, such as violence, gender stereotypes,
13 discrimination, lack of education, child labor, early marriage
14 and economic inequality; and

15 WHEREAS, The goal of the "Day of the Girl" campaign is to
16 commence an open dialogue regarding the issues that many young

1 girls face and empower girls to fight for their rights and
2 equality; and

3 WHEREAS, This year marks the seventh observance of "Day of
4 the Girl," and has the theme of "GirlForce: Unscripted and
5 Unstoppable," which encourages girls to break barriers imposed
6 by stereotypes and exclusion; and

7 WHEREAS, The "Day of the Girl" campaign emphasizes that girls
8 in this Commonwealth and across the world can realize their
9 dreams through achievement in education, in particular the fast-
10 changing areas of science and technology in schools,
11 universities and vocational education programs, so that girls
12 develop the skills for jobs that drive our 21st century economy;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Several groups throughout this Commonwealth,
15 including Girls on the Run, the Girl Scouts, the Women and Girls
16 Foundation of Southwestern Pennsylvania, iTwixie and the Girls
17 Coalition of Southwestern Pennsylvania, have organized many
18 different activities aimed at "Day of the Girl" observances,
19 including a Day of the Girl Summit in Pittsburgh; and

20 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives supports increasing
21 girls' participation and achievement in education, science and
22 math-related activities, increasing high school graduation rates
23 and providing equal opportunities for all girls by speaking out
24 against gender-based injustices, celebrating all girls'
25 potential and encouraging all girls to pursue their dreams
26 through education and otherwise; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October
28 11, 2019, as the "Day of the Girl" in Pennsylvania; and be it
29 further

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate and

1 thank all groups involved in promoting and supporting "Day of
2 the Girl" activities in this Commonwealth; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives thank and
4 congratulate all those who work toward empowerment and
5 fulfillment of human rights for all girls so they may achieve
6 their full potential.