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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2019 as "Archives Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The historical documents and records of our nation
4 and our Commonwealth provide a crucial link to our past; and

5 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes the growing
6 importance of maintaining its own legislative, committee and
7 individual member records for posterity; and

8 WHEREAS, For nearly 40 years, the House of Representatives
9 Archives has served as the official archival repository for the
10 records of elected members, committees and administrative
11 agencies of that body; and

12 WHEREAS, These historical records and documents, if not
13 professionally collected, cataloged and preserved by dedicated
14 archivists and staff and housed in a secure location, would be
15 lost to future generations of our citizens; and

16 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives Archives seeks to share
17 the valuable historical information and documents in its

1 holdings with researchers, legislators, staff members and the
2 public; and

3 WHEREAS, Numerous records are available to researchers,
4 legislators, staff members and the public, including the
5 collection of House Committee records from 1971 to the present,
6 an interactive online historical, biographical directory of
7 members dating from 1854 to the present and an extensive
8 collection of more than 150 oral history interviews with
9 legislators, which allows former representatives to record their
10 experiences and discuss their legislation while they served in
11 the House of Representatives, providing scholars and citizens
12 alike with the ability to consult and utilize these historically
13 valuable resources; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
15 month of November 2019 as "Archives Month" in Pennsylvania; and
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
18 invaluable contribution of its archival repository and its
19 committed staff members; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
21 Pennsylvanians to visit their local archives, historical
22 repositories and libraries to learn more about the contributions
23 of historical documents and records to discovering the rich
24 heritage of this Commonwealth.