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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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JANUARY 14, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
JANUARY 14, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 19 through 25, 2020, as "Earth
2 Week" and recognizing April 22, 2020, as the 50th anniversary
3 of "Earth Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, "Earth Day" was first held on April 22, 1970, in
5 response to a growing environmental movement that was concerned
6 about the continued deterioration of natural environments; and

7 WHEREAS, The 50th anniversary of "Earth Day" occurs on April
8 22, 2020; and

9 WHEREAS, On that first "Earth Day," more than 20 million
10 Americans demonstrated in support of the environment,
11 precipitating the creation of the United States Environmental
12 Protection Agency and the passage of numerous pieces of Federal
13 and state legislation aimed at protecting the environment; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, "Earth Day" is considered to be the largest
15 secular observance in the world and is celebrated by more than 1

1 billion people worldwide; and

2 WHEREAS, The annual observation of "Earth Day" brings
3 together communities, organizations and individuals from around
4 the planet to foster support for environmental initiatives and
5 programs; and

6 WHEREAS, While "Earth Day" remains an important day to focus
7 on the need to protect the environment, many college campuses
8 and environmental groups now dedicate an entire week to "Earth
9 Day" activities and thus unofficially celebrate "Earth Week";
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth would benefit by joining these
12 institutions and organizations in observing "Earth Week" in
13 order to recognize the importance of protecting our planet and
14 create additional conservation-related educational
15 opportunities; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
17 week of April 19 through 25, 2020, as "Earth Week" and recognize
18 April 22, 2020, as the 50th anniversary of "Earth Day" in
19 Pennsylvania.