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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 20, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2020 as "Polish-American
2 Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives commemorates the
4 1,054th anniversary of the documented history of Poland; and

5 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives further commemorates
6 the 412th anniversary of Polish settlers arriving in the United
7 States; and

8 WHEREAS, This year marks the 401st anniversary of the Polish
9 settlers who organized the first labor strike at Jamestown,
10 Virginia, the 81st anniversary of the German invasion of Poland,
11 and the 76th anniversaries of the battle of Monte Cassino and
12 the Warsaw Uprising; and

13 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives joins in observing the
14 39th anniversary of "Polish-American Heritage Month," which
15 highlights individuals of Polish heritage who have contributed
16 greatly to global advancement and the growth of our nation and

1 State; and

2 WHEREAS, General Casimir Pulaski, known as the father of the
3 American cavalry, fought for independence on two continents
4 before his death 241 years ago; and

5 WHEREAS, Marie Sklodowska Curie earned a share of the 1903
6 Nobel Prize in Physics for joint research on radiation and was
7 awarded the 1911 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for her discovery of
8 polonium and radium; and

9 WHEREAS, Ignacy Jan Paderewski, world-famous pianist and
10 composer, statesman and advocate for Polish freedom, was born in
11 Europe in 1860 and died in New York City in 1941; and

12 WHEREAS, Revolutionary War hero Thaddeus Kosciuszko, renowned
13 international conductor Leopold Stokowski, former National
14 Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski and former United States
15 Senator Edmund Muskie are other Polish notables; and

16 WHEREAS, Individuals of Polish heritage have many reasons to
17 celebrate their heritage, their culture and their achievements;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians are grateful for Polish-Americans'
20 enduring contributions to the nation; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
22 month of October 2020 as "Polish-American Heritage Month" in
23 Pennsylvania.