
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY COLLETT, FONTANA, FARNESE, MARTIN, SANTARSIERO,
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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 22, 2019, as "Keith Valley Challenge Day"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 1977, Keith Valley Middle School in Montgomery
4 County held a floor hockey marathon to honor the memory of Billy
5 Whitehead, an 8th grade student who passed away due to a rare
6 congenital heart defect; and

7 WHEREAS, In his memory, the staff and 8th graders at the
8 school began holding the Billy Whitehead Marathon and pledged to
9 raise money on an annual basis for St. Christopher's Hospital
10 for Children, located in Philadelphia; and

11 WHEREAS, The marathon was renamed the Keith Valley Challenge
12 in 1981, and students began to donate money raised during the
13 event to additional charities; and

14 WHEREAS, The Keith Valley Challenge is a 14-hour nonstop
15 floor hockey marathon; and

16 WHEREAS, Last year's challenge raised \$41,009; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the last 42 years, Keith Valley students have

1 raised and donated more than \$1,100,838 to 14 charities,
2 including the American Cancer Society, the American Heart
3 Association, the ALS Foundation and the Ronald McDonald House;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, This year, students are raising money for the Make-
6 A-Wish Foundation; and

7 WHEREAS, The 43rd annual Keith Valley Challenge is scheduled
8 to kick off on February 22, 2019; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate February 22, 2019, as
10 "Keith Valley Challenge Day" in Pennsylvania.