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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 2, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 28, 2017, as "World Spay Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Cats, dogs and other animals possess unique
4 personalities and provide faithful companionship for many
5 Pennsylvanians; and

6 WHEREAS, Not all owners of these companion animals have their
7 pets spayed or neutered, which allows for the birth of unwanted
8 animals; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the Humane Society of the United
10 States, approximately 6 to 8 million of these unwanted animals
11 enter shelters each year in our country; and

12 WHEREAS, Approximately half of these animals are adopted to
13 new homes, while the remainder are tragically euthanized; and

14 WHEREAS, The overwhelming majority of euthanized animals are
15 healthy and adoptable, and still they meet their untimely death

1 primarily because resources are insufficient to keep them alive
2 until a suitable home can be found; and

3 WHEREAS, In addition to the heartbreaking loss of life, pet
4 overpopulation costs public and private entities millions of
5 dollars annually through the implementation of animal control
6 and sheltering programs; and

7 WHEREAS, The practice of having a pet spayed or neutered at
8 the expense of the owner or through a subsidized spay and neuter
9 program has proven to be highly successful in addressing pet
10 overpopulation; and

11 WHEREAS, In an effort to promote the important role that
12 spaying and neutering can play in controlling pet
13 overpopulation, "Spay Day USA" was created in 1995 by the Doris
14 Day Animal League; and

15 WHEREAS, "World Spay Day" is now a program of the Humane
16 Society of the United States, Humane Society International and
17 Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association; and

18 WHEREAS, The continued observance of this day by a growing
19 number of public and private entities throughout the world in
20 each successive year has greatly increased the awareness and
21 efficacy of spaying and neutering as a means to control pet
22 overpopulation; and

23 WHEREAS, Veterinarians, national and local animal protection
24 organizations and private citizens once again join together in
25 2017 to advocate for spaying and neutering on "World Spay Day";
26 therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
28 February 28, 2017, as "World Spay Day" in Pennsylvania and
29 encourage Pennsylvanians to have their pets spayed or neutered
30 and support programs in their communities that offer spay and

1 neuter services.