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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY ROBINSON, ROTHMAN, HUGHES, CAPPELLETTI,  
SANTARSIERO, REGAN, MARTIN, HUTCHINSON, BREWSTER, BARTOLOTTA,  
STEFANO, COSTA, SCHWANK, PHILLIPS-HILL AND AUMENT,  
JUNE 13, 2023

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 13, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 15, 2023, as "Roberto Clemente Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania and encouraging the celebration of his life as a  
3 veteran, humanitarian and Hall of Fame baseball player.

4 WHEREAS, On August 18, 1934, Roberto Enrique Clemente Walker  
5 was born in Barrio San Antón, Carolina, Puerto Rico, to Melchor  
6 Clemente and Luisa Walker; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Clemente spent much time in his youth working  
8 alongside his father in the sugarcane fields, while also playing  
9 baseball; and

10 WHEREAS, After spending one season in the minor leagues in  
11 Montreal in 1954, Mr. Clemente was drafted by the Pittsburgh  
12 Pirates on November 22, 1954; and

13 WHEREAS, In September 1958, Mr. Clemente joined the United  
14 States Marine Corps Reserve and served his active duty  
15 commitment at Parris Island, South Carolina; Camp Lejeune, North  
16 Carolina; and Washington, DC; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Clemente was set to be released from active duty

1 in the United States Marine Corps Reserve on April 4, 1959; and  
2 WHEREAS, State Senator John M. Walker wrote to United States  
3 Senator Hugh Scott to request an early release on March 4, 1959,  
4 to allow Mr. Clemente to join the Pittsburgh Pirates for spring  
5 training; and

6 WHEREAS, During his Major League Baseball career, Mr.  
7 Clemente won 12 Gold Glove Awards, accumulated 3,000 hits and  
8 240 home runs, was the National League Most Valuable Player in  
9 1966, was a two-time World Series Champion and was the World  
10 Series Most Valuable Player in 1971; and

11 WHEREAS, Always a humanitarian, Mr. Clemente organized  
12 emergency relief aid flights from Puerto Rico to Managua,  
13 Nicaragua, after a devastating earthquake on December 23, 1972;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, After learning that the corrupt Nicaraguan  
16 government had absconded with the relief packages, Mr. Clemente  
17 decided to accompany the next relief flight on December 31,  
18 1972; and

19 WHEREAS, The flight crashed off the coast of Puerto Rico  
20 immediately after takeoff, killing Mr. Clemente and all other  
21 passengers on board; and

22 WHEREAS, After his tragic and untimely death, the Baseball  
23 Writers' Association of America waived the waiting period and  
24 held a special election for the Baseball Hall of Fame; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Clemente was posthumously elected for induction  
26 into the Baseball Hall of Fame with 92.7% of the vote; therefore  
27 be it

28 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize September 15, 2023, as  
29 "Roberto Clemente Day" in Pennsylvania and encourage the  
30 celebration of his life as a veteran, humanitarian and Hall of

1 Fame baseball player.