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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, OCTOBER 17, 2022

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A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 100th birthday of His Holiness Pramukh Swami  
2 Maharaj, the spiritual leader and Guru of the BAPS  
3 Swaminarayan Sanstha.

4 WHEREAS, It is the custom of the Senate of the Commonwealth  
5 of Pennsylvania to bring full recognition and just tribute to  
6 those men and women of religious commitment who accept the  
7 responsibility of moral leadership and render the wisdom of  
8 human understanding; and

9 WHEREAS, In recognition of such custom and in full accord  
10 with its long-standing traditions, the Senate is justly proud to  
11 commemorate the 100th birthday of His Holiness Pramukh Swami  
12 Maharaj, the spiritual leader and Guru of the BAPS Swaminarayan  
13 Sanstha, a worldwide Hindu organization dedicated to promoting  
14 harmony between individuals, within families and amongst diverse  
15 communities; and

16 WHEREAS, A simple, humble and spiritual personality, the  
17 great Guru was the fifth spiritual successor of Bhagwan  
18 Swaminarayan; and

1       WHEREAS, Born December 7, 1921, in the village of Chansad,  
2 Gujarat, India, Pramukh Swami Maharaj followed a spiritual path  
3 from an early age, seeking purity, renouncing material  
4 possessions and possessing a striking humility, saintliness and  
5 selfless desire to help all; and

6       WHEREAS, His unique combination of spirituality and  
7 leadership has grown BAPS globally, encompassing more than 1,100  
8 mandirs worldwide and 150 centers in North America, and created  
9 grand stone mandirs in Houston, Chicago, Toronto, Atlanta, Los  
10 Angeles and Robbinsville; and

11       WHEREAS, These mandirs offer a welcoming and spiritual space  
12 for thousands of families as well as worship, fellowship,  
13 communal meals, education and activities for young and old,  
14 creating a true home for the faithful; and

15       WHEREAS, A rare soul, His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj  
16 always lived for others and at the same time remained completely  
17 absorbed in God; and

18       WHEREAS, His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj's unique message  
19 to the world is: "In the joy of others, lies our own"; and

20       WHEREAS, The great Guru's words were thoughtful, meaningful  
21 and consoling, coming from the depth of profound experience and  
22 deep compassion; and

23       WHEREAS, This distinguished man of God always gave  
24 enlightenment, guidance and wisdom to the many entrusted to his  
25 care and administered abundantly and unstintingly to the  
26 spiritual and corporal needs of all; and

27       WHEREAS, The Senate recognizes that when an individual of  
28 such noble aims and accomplishments is brought to our attention,  
29 it is appropriate to publicly and jubilantly proclaim and  
30 commend the individual for the edification of others; therefore

1 be it

2 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
3 commemorate the 100th birthday of His Holiness Pramukh Swami  
4 Maharaj, the spiritual leader and Guru of the BAPS Swaminarayan  
5 Sanstha; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
7 BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha, North America.