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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MALAGARI, SANCHEZ, KHAN, CERRATO, GIRAL, GREEN AND  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, RECREATION AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT, JUNE 18, 2025

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 4, 2025, as "Taekwondo Grandmasters  
2 Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Taekwondo is a Korean martial art that developed  
4 through thousands of years of Korean history; and

5 WHEREAS, The origins of taekwondo are rooted in the ancient  
6 kingdom of Koguryo with the defense martial art known as "Subak"  
7 or "Taekkyon"; and

8 WHEREAS, The word taekwondo is composed of three parts:  
9 "tae," meaning foot or to step on, "kwon," meaning fist or fight  
10 and "do," meaning the way or discipline; and

11 WHEREAS, While both hands and feet are used in taekwondo, the  
12 sport is characterized by its unique combination of kick  
13 movements; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition to sporting and self-defense skills,  
15 taekwondo also provides health benefits, including flexibility,  
16 stamina, strength and posture; and

17 WHEREAS, Taekwondo also emphasizes mental discipline and

1 character through the taekwondo tenets of courtesy, integrity,  
2 perseverance, self-control and indomitable spirit; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1973, the World Taekwondo Federation was founded  
4 as the official governing body over Taekwondo; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2008, South Korea designated September 4 as  
6 "International Taekwondo Day" in recognition of the day  
7 Taekwondo became an Olympic Sport on September 4, 1994; and

8 WHEREAS, Today, taekwondo is practiced worldwide by 80  
9 million people of all ages and backgrounds; and

10 WHEREAS, The title of "grandmaster" is reserved for the  
11 highest-ranking, most experienced and most respected taekwondo  
12 practitioners; and

13 WHEREAS, Taekwondo and its grandmasters provide numerous  
14 physical and mental benefits to many Pennsylvanians across our  
15 Commonwealth; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
17 September 4, 2025, as "Taekwondo Grandmasters Appreciation Day"  
18 in Pennsylvania.