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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 651 Session of  
2023

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INTRODUCED BY KINSEY, KIM, MADDEN, HOHENSTEIN, CIRESI, SANCHEZ,  
HILL-EVANS, DELLOSO, BULLOCK, GUENST, PROBST, SHUSTERMAN,  
GIRAL, D. WILLIAMS, STEELE AND CONKLIN, MARCH 21, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 21, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Providing for the designation of the lawn of the Speaker K.  
2 Leroy Irvis Office Building within the Pennsylvania State  
3 Capitol Complex in Harrisburg as the "Irvis Equality Circle."

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Purposes.

7 The purposes of this act are to celebrate:

8 (1) The 153rd anniversary of the ratification of the  
9 15th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States,  
10 which was ratified on February 3, 1870, and which prohibits  
11 the Federal Government and any state from denying a citizen  
12 the right to vote on the basis of race, color or previous  
13 condition of servitude.

14 (2) The 103rd anniversary of the ratification of the  
15 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States,  
16 which was ratified August 18, 1920, and which prohibits the  
17 Federal Government and any state from denying a citizen the  
18 right to vote on the basis of sex.

1           (3) The contributions and history of the Historic 8th  
2 Ward of Harrisburg, where the Pennsylvania State Capitol  
3 Complex currently is located and which was a major site  
4 during the process of ratification of the 15th Amendment by  
5 the Commonwealth.

6           (4) The right of citizens of the United States to vote,  
7 which may not be denied or abridged by the United States or  
8 by any state on account of race, color, previous condition of  
9 servitude or sex.

10 Section 2. Designation of "Irvis Equality Circle."

11       The lawn of the Speaker K. Leroy Irvis Office Building within  
12 the Pennsylvania State Capitol Complex in Harrisburg is  
13 designated and shall be referred to as the "Irvis Equality  
14 Circle."

15 Section 3. Effective date.

16       This act shall take effect immediately.