THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing November 1, 2015, as "National Family Literacy Day" 2 in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, Nurturing and enhancing reading, writing and
- 4 language skills benefit our families and our communities; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Regularly established family reading time fosters a
- 6 shared love of books, builds literacy and reinforces reading and
- 7 writing capabilities; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Literacy development begins with early exposure to
- 9 language, books and stories; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Early childhood interventions, early parenting
- 11 strategies, increased adult literacy and enhanced parental
- 12 support for a child's school-related functioning contribute to
- 13 literacy development; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Children raised in homes where family literacy is
- 15 promoted become better readers and have improved academic

- 1 performance; and
- 2 WHEREAS, Intergenerational family literacy programs in
- 3 schools and community-based organizations can include
- 4 instruction for English language learners and parenting
- 5 education; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Schools, libraries and other literacy organizations
- 7 are sponsoring special events to encourage the habit of reading
- 8 on "National Family Literacy Day"; and
- 9 WHEREAS, "National Family Literacy Day" highlights the
- 10 benefits of establishing family time for families and
- 11 communities when parents and children have an opportunity to
- 12 read together; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
- 14 November 1, 2015, as "National Family Literacy Day" in
- 15 Pennsylvania.