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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 13, 2015, as "Missing Adult Persons Remembrance
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, On any given day, it is estimated there are at least
4 20,000 missing adult persons in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Currently more than 200 adults in this Commonwealth
6 are among the missing; and

7 WHEREAS, Persons are missing for a variety of reasons,
8 including, but not limited to, mental illness, addiction,
9 abduction, natural disasters and intentional disappearance; and

10 WHEREAS, Missing adult person cases are difficult to solve
11 due to a lack of crime scene and forensic evidence; and

12 WHEREAS, Since the reporting of missing adult persons is
13 voluntary, the reporting rate is very low; and

14 WHEREAS, Even when missing adults are reported, Federal,
15 State, local and nonprofit databases are not connected, making
16 it challenging for advocates to share information; and

17 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Police, local law enforcement

1 agencies, medical examiners, coroners, criminal justice
2 professionals and family members work to resolve these
3 difficult, heartbreaking cases; and

4 WHEREAS, The National Crime Information Center Missing Person
5 File implemented in the Federal Bureau of Investigation is a
6 computerized database of documented criminal justice information
7 accessible only to law enforcement agencies; and

8 WHEREAS, NamUs, the National Missing and Unidentified Persons
9 System created by the United States Department of Justice in
10 2007, is a publicly searchable, online database that serves as a
11 national repository for case information on missing persons; and

12 WHEREAS, Federal and State legislation is necessary to close
13 loopholes and increase coordination between our national missing
14 persons organizations so that stakeholders and families find it
15 easier to navigate the complex systems and improve the ability
16 to access critical information; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 13, 2015, as "Missing
18 Adult Persons Remembrance Day" in Pennsylvania to recognize all
19 missing adult persons in our nation and our Commonwealth and to
20 laud the systems currently in place and the work to be done in
21 the future to facilitate data sharing and enhance reporting,
22 investigation and resolution of missing adult person cases.