THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 478 Session of 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing September 10, 2017, as "National Grandparents Day" 1 in Pennsylvania. 2 3 WHEREAS, The first Sunday after Labor Day is annually recognized as "National Grandparents Day" in the interest of 4 strengthening family bonds, honoring family history and 5 6 encouraging visits to older relatives who require long-term care 7 or in-home care; and 8 WHEREAS, As part of "National Grandparents Day" observances, children and youths in participating communities are invited to 9 10 join in the Forget-Me-Not visitation program that pairs young 11 volunteers with older adults; and 12 WHEREAS, The presidential proclamations setting aside the 13 first observances of "National Grandparents Day" in the late 1970s noted that grandparents and persons who function as 14

15 surrogate grandparents provide a link to the near past, connect

1 generations and "can often reach out past pride and fear of

2 failure"; and

3 WHEREAS, The 2016 presidential proclamation characterizes 4 grandparents as "our heroes, our confidantes, and our fiercest 5 advocates"; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize

7 September 10, 2017, as "National Grandparents Day" in

8 Pennsylvania.