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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging support of agencies dedicated to suicide prevention.

2 WHEREAS, The Surgeon General of the United States and  
3 Congress of the United States recognize suicide as a national  
4 problem and declare suicide prevention as a national priority,  
5 encouraging the development of an effective strategy for the  
6 prevention of suicide; and

7 WHEREAS, Suicide awareness campaigns alert professional,  
8 community and lay groups about the common signs and symptoms  
9 associated with suicidal behavior; and

10 WHEREAS, Better awareness that suicide is a serious public  
11 health problem results in knowledge which increases support for  
12 preventive interventions; and

13 WHEREAS, Increased awareness will help dispel myths about  
14 suicide, and suicide prevention will result in a decrease in the  
15 stigma of mental illness; and

16 WHEREAS, Volunteer agencies in this Commonwealth are  
17 committed to reducing the number of suicides through education,

1 public awareness and support services to those contemplating  
2 suicide; and

3 WHEREAS, An informed citizenry will lead to a change in  
4 public policy with focus on the importance of investing in  
5 suicide prevention efforts; and

6 WHEREAS, On September 27, 2011, the Pennsylvania Youth  
7 Suicide Prevention Initiative and the Adult/Older Adult Suicide  
8 Prevention Coalition will be raising awareness of the need for  
9 suicide prevention on Suicide Prevention Awareness Day by  
10 hosting the Empty Shoe Memorial and providing information on  
11 prevention; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the  
13 residents of this Commonwealth to support the volunteer agencies  
14 that work to educate the public on the symptoms and risk factors  
15 associated with suicide and to provide support services  
16 dedicated to prevent suicides.