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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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FEBRUARY 18, 2014

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

1 Designating February 25, 2014, as "Spay Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, Cats, dogs and other animals possess unique  
3 personalities and provide faithful companionship for many  
4 Pennsylvanians; and

5 WHEREAS, Not all of the owners of these companion animals  
6 have their pets spayed or neutered, which allows for the birth  
7 of unwanted animals; and

8 WHEREAS, According to the Humane Society of the United  
9 States, approximately 6 to 8 million of these unwanted animals  
10 enter shelters each year in our country; and

11 WHEREAS, Only about half of these animals are adopted to new  
12 homes, while the remainder are tragically euthanized; and

1 WHEREAS, The overwhelming majority of the animals that must  
2 be killed each year are healthy and adoptable, but they meet  
3 their untimely death primarily because resources are  
4 insufficient to keep them alive until a suitable home can be  
5 found; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to the heartbreaking loss of life, pet  
7 overpopulation costs public and private entities millions of  
8 dollars annually through the implementation of animal control  
9 and sheltering programs; and

10 WHEREAS, The practice of having a pet spayed or neutered at  
11 the expense of the owner or through a subsidized spay and neuter  
12 program has proven to be highly successful in addressing pet  
13 overpopulation; and

14 WHEREAS, In an effort to promote the important role that  
15 spaying and neutering can play in controlling pet  
16 overpopulation, Spay Day was created in 1995; and

17 WHEREAS, The continued observance of this day by a growing  
18 number of public and private entities throughout the world in  
19 each successive year has greatly increased the awareness and  
20 efficacy of spaying and neutering as a means to control pet  
21 overpopulation; and

22 WHEREAS, Veterinarians, national and local animal protection  
23 organizations and private citizens have once again joined  
24 together to advocate for spaying and neutering on World Spay Day  
25 2014, which takes place on February 25, 2014; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
27 February 25, 2014, as "Spay Day" in Pennsylvania, when  
28 Pennsylvanians are encouraged to have their pets spayed or  
29 neutered or support programs in their communities that offer spay  
30 and neuter services.