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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 463 Session of  
2014

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INTRODUCED BY YAW, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, BAKER, BLAKE, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, CORMAN, COSTA, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FARNESE, FERLO, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, LEACH, McILHINNEY, MENSCH, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, SCHWANK, SMITH, SMUCKER, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, TEPLITZ, TOMLINSON, VANCE, VOGEL, VULAKOVICH, WAGNER, WARD, WASHINGTON, WHITE, WILEY, WILLIAMS, WOZNIAK AND YUDICHAK, OCTOBER 6, 2014

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, OCTOBER 6, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 75th anniversary of Little League Baseball.

2 WHEREAS, On June 6, 1939, the first Little League Baseball  
3 game was played in the city of Williamsport, Lycoming County,  
4 under the direction of Carl Edwin Stotz: and

5 WHEREAS, The Little League program in 1939 consisted of three  
6 teams, all in Williamsport, and by 1946 there were 12 such  
7 programs, all in this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, By 1955, Little League was found in every state in  
9 the nation; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2014, in this Commonwealth, there are now 410  
11 leagues, with over 10,000 teams and 150,000 youth who  
12 participate in the Little League Baseball program; and

13 WHEREAS, Today, Little League Baseball is played in 92  
14 countries across the globe, with 2.5 million youngsters

1 participating, and the program culminates in a World Series each  
2 year; and

3 WHEREAS, From its inception, Little League Baseball has been  
4 a vehicle for a program to promote the attributes of fair play,  
5 good sportsmanship and a desire to excel through friendly  
6 competition; and

7 WHEREAS, Over one million adult volunteers give of their  
8 time, energy and ability to make this program possible; and

9 WHEREAS, This year marks major milestones in the history of  
10 Little League, with the celebrations of the 40th Anniversary of  
11 Little League Softball, 25th Anniversary of the Little League  
12 Challenger Division and the 15th Anniversary of the Little  
13 League Urban Initiative; and

14 WHEREAS, Little League has been honored as the only youth  
15 sports organization to be chartered by the United States  
16 Congress and remains the only regularly scheduled international  
17 sporting event in this Commonwealth; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed  
19 the first "Little League Baseball Week" the second week in June,  
20 an event that is celebrated every year by members throughout the  
21 country; and

22 WHEREAS, Hundreds of Major League Baseball players and  
23 leaders in politics, business and industry are Little League  
24 graduates; and

25 WHEREAS, The goals of Little League Baseball have always been  
26 and will remain to instill in children the values of teamwork,  
27 discipline and responsibility through a simple, fun game of  
28 baseball; and

29 WHEREAS, Since 1939, and far into the next century, the value  
30 of Little League Baseball will be measured more by what a child

1 learns than what the child wins; therefore be it

2       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the 75th anniversary of  
3 Little League Baseball and the benefits that have been gained by  
4 our youth throughout those years by virtue of this outstanding  
5 program; and be it further

6       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
7 Dr. Davie Jane Gilmour, Chairman of the Little League  
8 International Board of Directors, and Stephen D. Keener,  
9 President and Chief Executive Officer of Little League Baseball  
10 and Softball.