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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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NEILSON, MURT, MAHONEY, D. COSTA, GROVE, MARSICO, ZIMMERMAN
AND SCHWEYER, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 11 through 17, 2016, as
2 "Assisted Living Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Residents of assisted living residences are active
4 members of the larger community, offering their wisdom, life
5 experiences and skills; and

6 WHEREAS, The residents' past contributions continue to be a
7 vital part of the Commonwealth's rich history and their future
8 contributions deepen our State's identity; and

9 WHEREAS, Assisted living is a critical part of the long-term
10 care services and supports system which allows for older adults
11 to have personal choice, dignity and independence; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to 38 licensed assisted living
13 residences which are committed to excellence, innovation and the
14 advancement of person-centered care; and

1 WHEREAS, The National Center for Assisted Living created
2 "National Assisted Living Week" to demonstrate our nation's
3 appreciation of the unique individuals who reside in assisted
4 living residences and the exemplary staff and volunteers who
5 deliver the residents' care every day; and

6 WHEREAS, The theme of "National Assisted Living Week" for
7 2016 is "Keep Connected," which encourages assisted living
8 communities to support opportunities for residents to take
9 advantage of the latest communication tools to engage with the
10 world around them; and

11 WHEREAS, According to Pew Research Center, social media usage
12 among those 65 years of age and older has more than tripled
13 since 2010; and

14 WHEREAS, This year's "National Assisted Living Week" theme
15 aims to help overcome the myth that older adults lack interest
16 in using or the ability to learn new technologies; and

17 WHEREAS, "Keep Connected" acknowledges the myriad of ways
18 assisted living staff and supporting business partners are
19 revolutionizing person-centered care by implementing innovative
20 technologies in these communities; and

21 WHEREAS, Assisted living residences are an integral part of
22 the larger community and local economy; and

23 WHEREAS, Staff cultivate connections with families, business
24 owners, government organizations, community organizers and
25 others to ensure the residents remain an active part of where
26 they call home; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
28 week of September 11 through 17, 2016, as "Assisted Living Week"
29 in Pennsylvania and urge all residents of this Commonwealth to
30 volunteer and keep connected, visit loved ones and friends who

- 1 live in assisted living residences and learn more about how
- 2 assisted living residences benefit our State.