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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 686 Session of  
2004

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INTRODUCED BY SOLOBAY, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BALDWIN, BARRAR,  
BELARDI, BISHOP, COLEMAN, COY, CRUZ, DeWEESE, FAIRCHILD,  
FLEAGLE, FORCIER, GEIST, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, HARHAI, HORSEY,  
KELLER, KOTIK, LEDERER, LESCOVITZ, MAJOR, MARSICO, MUSTIO,  
PALLONE, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, CLYMER, CORRIGAN, CRAHALLA,  
DeLUCA, DiGIROLAMO, FICHTER, FLICK, GABIG, GEORGE, GOOD,  
GRUCELA, HERSHEY, JAMES, KILLION, LAUGHLIN, LEH, LEVDANSKY,  
MANN, McGILL, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PICKETT, READSHAW, ROHRER,  
ROSS, SAINATO, B. SMITH, THOMAS, TRUE, WATSON, WILT,  
YUDICHAK, PISTELLA, RIEGER, ROONEY, RUBLEY, SANTONI,  
E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, WASHINGTON, WEBER AND WOJNAROSKI,  
APRIL 12, 2004

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 12, 2004

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May as "Foster Grandparent Program  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Foster Grandparent Program began on August 28,  
4 1965, under the Office of Economic Opportunity; and

5 WHEREAS, The Foster Grandparent Program permits persons over  
6 60 years of age with limited incomes to engage in  
7 intergenerational volunteer service that meets critical  
8 community needs; and

9 WHEREAS, The Foster Grandparent Program serves children under  
10 21 years of age who have special requirements, including  
11 children who are mentally or physically challenged, juvenile  
12 delinquents and children who are abused, neglected, learning-

1 disabled or come from a low-income family background; and

2 WHEREAS, The Foster Grandparent Program enables participating  
3 children to improve their physical, mental, emotional and social  
4 development and attain educational goals through tutoring,  
5 mentoring, counseling and other personal support services; and

6 WHEREAS, The Foster Grandparent Program greatly enriches the  
7 lives of the children as well as the adult volunteers; and

8 WHEREAS, The Foster Grandparent Program has grown from a few  
9 programs in several states to 385 programs in all 50 states, the  
10 District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the  
11 Virgin Islands; and

12 WHEREAS, The Foster Grandparent Program has over 30,000  
13 volunteers and serves more than 275,000 children annually;  
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and  
16 commend the immeasurable contributions of the Foster Grandparent  
17 Program and its volunteers in this Commonwealth; and be it  
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
20 month of May as "Foster Grandparent Program Month" in  
21 Pennsylvania.