

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 217 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY HENNESSEY, ADOLPH, BAKER, BELFANTI, BEYER, BISHOP, BOBACK, BOYD, BRENNAN, BROOKS, BURNS, CAUSER, CIVERA, COHEN, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, DALEY, DELOZIER, DePASQUALE, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GROVE, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARHART, HELM, HESS, HICKERNELL, HUTCHINSON, KILLION, KORTZ, KOTIK, KULA, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANDERINO, MANN, MARSICO, McCALL, MELIO, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MILNE, MOUL, MUNDY, MUSTIO, OBERLANDER, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PARKER, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, QUIGLEY, QUINN, RAPP, READSHAW, ROCK, ROHRER, ROSS, SAINATO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, SOLOBAY, SONNEY, STERN, SWANGER, TRUE, TURZAI, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, WATSON, WHITE AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 3, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 3, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2009 as "Older Pennsylvanians
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, May has traditionally been recognized as "Older
4 Americans Month" in the United States, a month set aside both to
5 consider the special and continuing needs of our older citizens
6 and to alert them to the existence of services and benefits
7 available to them; and

8 WHEREAS, The Department of Health and Human Services'
9 Administration on Aging has announced that the theme for "Older
10 Americans Month 2009" is "Living Today for a Better Tomorrow";
11 and

1 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize that older citizens
2 possess a wealth of experience, talent and wisdom and a
3 willingness to share them; and

4 WHEREAS, Older citizens highly value their freedom and
5 independence and want to remain in their homes and communities
6 as active and contributing citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, Over the next ten years, the largest demographic
8 change will be a 50% increase in the number of individuals 85
9 years of age and older, thereby prompting increasing demand for
10 health care and long-term care services; and

11 WHEREAS, In past years during the month of May, groups such
12 as the AARP and the Pennsylvania Council on Aging have provided
13 programs designed to educate the general public about the
14 special housing, health care and income security needs of the
15 2.4 million Pennsylvanians who are 60 years of age or older; and

16 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to inform older citizens of the
17 wide variety of programs and services available to them,
18 including, but not limited to, PACE and PACENET, the Property
19 Tax and Rent Rebate Program, the fixed route and shared-ride
20 transportation programs and the numerous programs and services
21 provided through the network of 52 local area agencies on aging;
22 therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
24 month of May 2009 as "Older Pennsylvanians Month" in
25 Pennsylvania.