

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 341 Session of
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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE
14, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 15, 2011, as "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Older Pennsylvanians should be recognized as a
4 valuable resource to this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, No one is immune to the threat of elder abuse; and

6 WHEREAS, It is the obligation of all citizens to protect the
7 health, safety and welfare of this Commonwealth's elder
8 citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth received more than 15,000 reports
10 of elder abuse in 2010, and it is estimated that only one in
11 five cases of abuse is reported; and

12 WHEREAS, The act of November 6, 1987 (P.L.381, No.79), known
13 as the Older Adult Protective Services Act, requires that older
14 adults who lack the capacity to protect themselves shall have
15 access to and be provided with services necessary to protect
16 their health, safety and welfare; and

17 WHEREAS, A partnership exists between the Department of
18 Aging, the Pennsylvania Association of Area Agencies on Aging,

1 district attorneys, county elder abuse task forces and State and
2 local law enforcement to investigate every allegation of elder
3 abuse; and

4 WHEREAS, It is necessary to increase awareness of the
5 incidents of elder abuse and to educate people about the methods
6 to report suspected cases of abuse; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate June
8 15, 2011, as "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania and
9 strive to increase awareness every day about elder abuse and the
10 resources in place to prevent it from occurring.