

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of July 2011 as the "We (Heart) Brain
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Thousands of youth athletes across this Commonwealth
4 each year experience concussions and traumatic brain injuries
5 while playing sports; and

6 WHEREAS, If not treated properly, such injuries can lead to
7 dramatic lifelong or life-threatening complications; and

8 WHEREAS, Increased awareness about concussions and traumatic
9 brain injuries amongst youth, coaches, parents and medical
10 professionals can help reduce the number of traumatic injuries
11 that take place in this Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, John Gonoude of King of Prussia experienced multiple
13 brain injuries that ended his high school football career and
14 almost ended his life; and

15 WHEREAS, Tracy Yatsko of Tamaqua experienced multiple brain
16 injuries that ended her high school basketball career and almost
17 ended her life; and

18 WHEREAS, John Gonoude and Tracy Yatsko have admirably

1 dedicated their time and efforts to educating young athletes
2 across this Commonwealth to learn from their experiences and
3 protect their brains; and

4 WHEREAS, Save Your Brain's "We (Heart) Brain" campaign is
5 working to raise awareness of the concussion epidemic in youth
6 sports and to teach young athletes how to protect their brains;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives is adopting this
9 resolution in order to recognize the efforts of John Gonoude and
10 Tracy Yatsko to protect young athletes in Pennsylvania and
11 across the nation; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
13 month of July 2011 as the "We (Heart) Brain Month" in
14 Pennsylvania.