

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER  
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## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the employees of SPIN, Inc., during "National Direct  
2 Support Professionals Recognition Week" beginning September  
3 11, 2011.

4 WHEREAS, For more than 40 years, Special People in the  
5 Northeast, Inc., known as SPIN, Inc., has provided programs and  
6 services enabling children and adults to live full, productive  
7 lives as active members of their community, volunteering and  
8 participating in numerous events and activities; and

9 WHEREAS, SPIN, Inc., believes that each person has unique  
10 strengths and seeks opportunities to share them with others in  
11 pursuit of an inclusive, meaningful life; and

12 WHEREAS, The employees and volunteers of SPIN, Inc., support  
13 its mission to establish and provide community resources,  
14 services and initiatives in support of people with mental,  
15 physical or sensory impairment, their families as well as others  
16 who provide assistance so that they may exercise responsibly  
17 their choice, preference and right, without limitation, to a  
18 fully integrated life as citizens of Pennsylvania; and

1 WHEREAS, SPIN, Inc., has been recognized by international,  
2 national and local entities as a world class organization,  
3 renowned for its work in the use of technology, training and  
4 work force development, education, early childhood centers and  
5 other support services; and

6 WHEREAS, Much of SPIN, Inc.'s, success can be attributed to  
7 the hard work of its direct support professionals whose role is  
8 vital in providing assistance to individuals with disabilities,  
9 enabling them to live in their own communities; and

10 WHEREAS, It is critical that the direct support professional  
11 build a close, trusted relationship with an individual with  
12 disabilities; and

13 WHEREAS, Their role is key in helping individuals with their  
14 personal needs on a daily basis as well as providing a broad  
15 range of support to help keep them connected to their families  
16 and living in their communities instead of being housed in  
17 institutions; and

18 WHEREAS, The vast majority of direct support professionals  
19 work in home and community-based settings, a trend that is  
20 expected to increase over the next decade; and

21 WHEREAS, There is a critical and growing shortage of direct  
22 support professionals in every community throughout the United  
23 States that, research demonstrates, adversely affects the  
24 quality of support to individuals with disabilities; therefore  
25 be it

26 Resolved, That the House of Representatives recognize and  
27 honor the work of the direct support professionals of SPIN,  
28 Inc., during "National Direct Support Professionals Recognition  
29 Week" beginning September 11, 2011, for their dedication and  
30 vital role in enhancing the lives of individuals with

1 disabilities.