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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 471 Session of  
2013

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INTRODUCED BY GRELL, DIGIROLAMO, SCHLOSSBERG, HENNESSEY, COHEN,  
SONNEY, VEREB, CUTLER, KILLION, BAKER, MAJOR, CALTAGIRONE,  
READSHAW, O'BRIEN, MILLARD, YOUNGBLOOD, KULA, KOTIK, ROCK,  
HARHART, MURT, GINGRICH, MARSICO, FLECK, KIRKLAND, WATSON,  
ROSS, JAMES, MAHONEY, M. K. KELLER, PETRI, WHITE, THOMAS,  
MIRABITO AND CLYMER, SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 20 through 26, 2013, as "Pro  
2 Bono Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania attorneys provide legal assistance at  
4 low or no cost, commonly referred to as "pro bono" work, to more  
5 than 100,000 low-income clients each year, including 10,000  
6 mortgage foreclosure cases and 12,000 domestic violence cases;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The fifth annual National Pro Bono Week will be  
9 celebrated at the end of October 2013; and

10 WHEREAS, National Pro Bono Week is an opportunity to  
11 highlight the differences attorneys make in their communities,  
12 to recruit and train additional pro bono volunteers and to  
13 acknowledge the partnerships that form the basis for many of the  
14 private bar's most successful pro bono efforts; and

15 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Bar Association is once again

1 joining with the American Bar Association to sponsor this  
2 October's annual National Pro Bono Week celebrations; and

3 WHEREAS, National Pro Bono Week provides numerous  
4 opportunities to highlight the good work Pennsylvania attorneys  
5 do for the most needy among us; and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is a leader in celebrating National Pro  
7 Bono Week with what have become annual events at many sites  
8 across this Commonwealth, with new events being planned for this  
9 year; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
11 week of October 20 through 26, 2013, as "Pro Bono Week" in  
12 Pennsylvania.