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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating January 2014 as "School Director Recognition Month"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Local school districts and their governing boards  
4 were established by the General Assembly more than 150 years  
5 ago; and

6 WHEREAS, Public education is mandated by section 14 of  
7 Article III of the Constitution of Pennsylvania; and

8 WHEREAS, School board members govern individual school  
9 districts, establish local policies, approve educational  
10 programs, provide necessary physical facilities, hire properly  
11 certified professional and classified employees and share in  
12 costs by raising necessary local funds used, along with State  
13 funds to operate district educational programs; and

14 WHEREAS, Being an effective school director is a difficult

1 task, particularly in the current climate of school change; and

2 WHEREAS, A lay school leader must be knowledgeable about many  
3 complex educational and social issues; and

4 WHEREAS, School board service is a pure form of grass-roots  
5 democratic principles upon which our republic was founded; and

6 WHEREAS, Local public school directors are dedicated,  
7 educated and responsible citizens who carry out volunteer public  
8 service, a true form of representative government in our  
9 democracy; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
11 month of January 2014 as "School Director Recognition Month" in  
12 Pennsylvania; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
14 the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.