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

1 Designating May 13, 2014, as "World Falun Dafa Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is an advanced  
4 self-improvement practice embedded in ancient Chinese culture  
5 that seeks to improve the mind, body and spirit; and

6 WHEREAS, Falun Dafa consists of five exercises and meditation  
7 based on the universal principles of truthfulness, compassion  
8 and forbearance; and

9 WHEREAS, The practice of Falun Dafa has a significant  
10 positive effect of stress relief and overall mental and physical  
11 health and allows individuals to let go of destructive  
12 tendencies; and

13 WHEREAS, Through consistent practice, Falun Dafa can enable  
14 individuals to reach a state of altruism, health and inner  
15 balance; and

16 WHEREAS, The practice of Falun Dafa was first taught in the  
17 city of Changchun, China, in 1992 by Mr. Li Hongzhi; and

1       WHEREAS, Falun Dafa was publicly introduced to Philadelphia  
2 in 1998; and

3       WHEREAS, There have been dozens of free introductory  
4 workshops offered in libraries and bookstores across this  
5 Commonwealth, with more scheduled in the future; and

6       WHEREAS, All Falun Dafa books, workshops, exercise sessions  
7 and related events are offered free of charge; and

8       WHEREAS, Falun Dafa has helped over 100 million people in  
9 over 120 countries improve their health and moral standards  
10 while deepening their understanding of life, humanity and the  
11 universe; and

12       WHEREAS, Despite its origins, Falun Dafa is currently banned  
13 in China over beliefs that it does not align with the ideals of  
14 the Chinese government; and

15       WHEREAS, Falun Dafa is still pursued by many in China as a  
16 source of strength and spiritual peace in spite of oppression;  
17 and

18       WHEREAS, May 13, 2014, marks the 22nd anniversary of the  
19 public introduction of the ancient practice of Falun Dafa; and

20       WHEREAS, Falun Dafa continues to transcend cultural and  
21 national boundaries to bring improved mental and physical health  
22 and inner peace to millions around the world; therefore be it

23       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 13,  
24 2014, as "World Falun Dafa Day" in Pennsylvania.