

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 726 Session of 2015

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EVERETT, GILLEN, KINSEY, MAJOR, PHILLIPS-HILL AND FARRY,
MARCH 14, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 14, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2016 as "Community Banking Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For more than 200 years, Pennsylvania's community
4 financial institutions have provided the local support that
5 communities in this Commonwealth need to prosper and grow; and

6 WHEREAS, Today more than 180 community banks in this
7 Commonwealth continue the tradition of giving back to their
8 local communities through more than 1,200 banking offices; and

9 WHEREAS, With more than \$110 billion in assets, community
10 banks know that when money stays in a town it becomes a
11 renewable resource, creating an economic cycle that constantly
12 revitalizes and stimulates local communities; and

13 WHEREAS, These banks have made significant contributions to
14 the economic well-being of this Commonwealth through their

1 financial support, their dedication as good neighbors and, above
2 all, their service as financially sound and reliable sources of
3 economic lifeblood in our communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's community banks focus on the
5 prosperity of individuals and small businesses in their
6 hometowns and also enjoy the trust of their customers; and

7 WHEREAS, Community banks have reinvested, on average, 95% of
8 their loan portfolios in their own communities through
9 residential mortgages and commercial and agricultural loans; and

10 WHEREAS, Community banks play a significant role in local
11 economic development efforts, stimulating the economy to produce
12 jobs and new opportunities, and, as a group, they constitute an
13 important and strong part of this Commonwealth's economic
14 fabric; and

15 WHEREAS, Neighbors are helping neighbors build their homes,
16 save for higher education, plan for retirement and fulfill other
17 dreams through community banks; and

18 WHEREAS, Community banks have continued their strong
19 tradition of small business lending, in spite of difficult
20 economic conditions, so that they may strengthen and support the
21 Commonwealth's economy; and

22 WHEREAS, Community banks have a long history of helping to
23 develop our communities and this Commonwealth as a whole, and we
24 look forward to many more contributions; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
26 month of April 2016 as "Community Banking Month" in
27 Pennsylvania.