

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Pennsylvania's senior citizens by designating the month  
2 of June 2013 as "Older Americans: Making Choices for a  
3 Healthier Future Month" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes the  
5 energies, aspirations and ongoing life achievements of senior  
6 citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, Senior citizens are the pillars upon which our  
8 families have been built; and

9 WHEREAS, Senior citizens strengthen our communities through  
10 their work and volunteerism; and

11 WHEREAS, The notably increasing population of senior citizens  
12 in this Commonwealth reflects a dramatic nationwide trend; and

13 WHEREAS, By 2030, the number of people reaching retirement  
14 age will double; and

15 WHEREAS, Rural residents, on average, are older than urban  
16 residents in this Commonwealth; and

17 WHEREAS, The number of senior citizens in rural Pennsylvania  
18 is projected to increase 58% through 2030; and

1       WHEREAS, Systems and services in this Commonwealth must  
2 adequately address the unique needs of current and future  
3 generations of Pennsylvanians in optimizing health and  
4 maintaining independence; and

5       WHEREAS, The opportunities and challenges which lie ahead  
6 require us to think differently about health care, long-term  
7 care and at-home services in our communities in order to provide  
8 innovative and affordable options of care and support; and

9       WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes the great  
10 debt we owe senior citizens, who so powerfully influence our  
11 families and communities, in achieving maximum levels of health,  
12 safety and well-being; therefore be it

13       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor  
14 Pennsylvania's senior citizens by designating the month of June  
15 2013 as "Older Americans: Making Choices for a Healthier Future  
16 Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

17       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all  
18 residents of this Commonwealth to honor senior citizens and  
19 persons who care for them during the month of June and  
20 throughout the year and to assist in their journeys toward  
21 optimal health and quality of life.