

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 30, 2013, as "Daughters of the Nile Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania in honor of the 100th anniversary of the  
3 Daughters of the Nile.

4 WHEREAS, Daughters of the Nile is an international fraternal  
5 organization for women 18 years of age or older, who are related  
6 by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason or Daughter of  
7 the Nile or are majority members in good standing of a Masonic-  
8 related organization for girls; and

9 WHEREAS, Founded in 1913 in Seattle, Washington, Daughters of  
10 the Nile members now total over 26,000 in 139 cities throughout  
11 the United States and Canada; and

12 WHEREAS, Daughters of the Nile maintains active temples in  
13 Altoona, Erie, Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh; and

14 WHEREAS, The members of Daughters of the Nile are proud of  
15 their long association with Shriners International and their  
16 continuing support of Shriners Hospitals for Children, a network  
17 of 22 hospitals throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico  
18 that provide pediatric care for specialty areas of orthopedics,

1 burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate, regardless  
2 of the patients' ability to pay; and

3 WHEREAS, Through the Daughters of the Nile Foundation and  
4 Canadian Trust, Daughters of the Nile contributes over \$1.7  
5 million each year to Shriners Hospitals for Children to be used  
6 for the medical care and rehabilitation of children; and

7 WHEREAS, Since 1924, Daughters of the Nile has contributed  
8 more than \$50 million to this cause; and

9 WHEREAS, In recognition of monetary contributions by  
10 Daughters of the Nile, Shriners Hospitals for Children have  
11 placed gold plaques, each representing \$1 million, on the  
12 philanthropic walls of all 22 hospitals; and

13 WHEREAS, Twelve hospitals have two gold plaques and three  
14 hospitals have three gold plaques; and

15 WHEREAS, Each year, the members of Daughters of the Nile give  
16 generously of their time and talents by providing more than  
17 150,000 volunteer hours at the Shriners Hospitals for Children;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, In addition, they sew clothing and quilts and  
20 provide toys, books, games and other educational and  
21 recreational items, with an annual value well over \$900,000;  
22 therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October  
24 30, 2013, as "Daughters of the Nile Day" in Pennsylvania in  
25 honor of the 100th anniversary of Daughters of the Nile and  
26 recognize Daughters of the Nile's support of Shriners Hospitals  
27 for Children.