

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 13, 2015, as "Missing Adult Persons Remembrance
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, There are up to 20,000 missing adult persons in the
4 United States on any given day; and

5 WHEREAS, More than 200 adult persons from this Commonwealth
6 are currently among the missing; and

7 WHEREAS, Underlying causes of missing adult person cases
8 include mental illness, addiction, abduction, natural disasters
9 and intentional disappearance; and

10 WHEREAS, Resolution of these cases may be difficult given the
11 absence of crime scene and forensic evidence; and

12 WHEREAS, With voluntary reporting of missing adult persons to
13 existing databases, there is a low rate of reporting; and

14 WHEREAS, Even when these cases are reported, the lack of
15 connection among Federal, State, local and nonprofit databases
16 creates challenges for information sharing; and

17 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Police, local law enforcement

1 agencies, medical examiners, coroners, criminal justice
2 professionals and family members work to resolve these
3 difficult, heartbreaking cases; and

4 WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Crime
5 Information Center Missing Person File is a computerized
6 database of documented criminal justice information accessible
7 only to law enforcement agencies; and

8 WHEREAS, NamUs, the National Missing and Unidentified Persons
9 System established by the United States Department of Justice in
10 2007, is a publicly searchable, online database that serves as a
11 national repository for case information on missing persons; and

12 WHEREAS, Federal and State legislation is necessary to close
13 loopholes and increase the coordination among national missing
14 persons organizations so that stakeholders and families find it
15 easier to navigate the complex systems and improve the ability
16 to access critical information; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 13,
18 2015, as "Missing Adult Persons Remembrance Day" in Pennsylvania
19 to bring attention to the missing adult persons in this
20 Commonwealth and beyond and to bring resolution to affected
21 families through enhanced reporting, data sharing and
22 investigation.