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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 483 Session of  
2009

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INTRODUCED BY COHEN, BAKER, BEAR, BELFANTI, BEYER, BOYD,  
CALTAGIRONE, DERMODY, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, FAIRCHILD,  
FLECK, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRUCELA,  
HARKINS, HELM, HENNESSEY, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, KULA, MAHONEY,  
MAJOR, MCCALL, MELIO, MILLARD, MURT, MYERS, PALLONE,  
READSHAW, ROEBUCK, ROSS, SAINATO, SWANGER, VULAKOVICH AND  
WATERS, OCTOBER 2, 2009

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER  
2, 2009

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2009 as "Archives Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The historical documents and records of our nation  
4 and our Commonwealth provide a crucial link to our past; and

5 WHEREAS, Appreciating this heritage and its lessons provides  
6 immeasurable guidance for our future; and

7 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Archives is an invaluable  
8 storehouse of well over 300 years of unique materials, including  
9 the original Charter of 1681, the 1737 Walking Purchase and the  
10 celebratory materials for the 100th Anniversary of the  
11 dedication of the Capitol; and

12 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives has established an  
13 archival repository for the records of elected members,  
14 committees and administrative agencies of that body, including  
15 an Oral History of former Members of the House; and

1       WHEREAS, These historical records and documents, if not  
2 professionally collected, categorized and cataloged by dedicated  
3 archivists and staff and housed in secure locations, would be  
4 lost to future generations of our citizens; therefore be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
6 invaluable contribution these agencies and other Commonwealth  
7 repositories and their dedicated employees make to future  
8 scholarship; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
10 month of October 2009 as "Archives Month" in Pennsylvania in  
11 honor of these agencies and their employees; and be it further

12       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all  
13 Pennsylvanians to visit their local libraries, historical  
14 repositories and archives and learn more about the contributions  
15 of historical documents and records to the discovery of the rich  
16 heritage of this Commonwealth.