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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 352 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY BRIGGS AND KNOWLES, JUNE 24, 2011

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE  
24, 2011

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of July 2011 as the "We (Heart) Brain  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Thousands of youth athletes across this Commonwealth  
4 each year experience concussions and traumatic brain injuries  
5 while playing sports; and

6 WHEREAS, If not treated properly, such injuries can lead to  
7 dramatic lifelong or life-threatening complications; and

8 WHEREAS, Increased awareness about concussions and traumatic  
9 brain injuries amongst youth, coaches, parents and medical  
10 professionals can help reduce the number of traumatic injuries  
11 that take place in this Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, John Gonoude of King of Prussia experienced multiple  
13 brain injuries that ended his high school football career and  
14 almost ended his life; and

15 WHEREAS, Tracy Yatsko of Tamaqua experienced multiple brain  
16 injuries that ended her high school basketball career and almost  
17 ended her life; and

18 WHEREAS, John Gonoude and Tracy Yatsko have admirably

1 dedicated their time and efforts to educating young athletes  
2 across this Commonwealth to learn from their experiences and  
3 protect their brains; and

4 WHEREAS, Save Your Brain's "We (Heart) Brain" campaign is  
5 working to raise awareness of the concussion epidemic in youth  
6 sports and to teach young athletes how to protect their brains;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives is adopting this  
9 resolution in order to recognize the efforts of John Gonoude and  
10 Tracy Yatsko to protect young athletes in Pennsylvania and  
11 across the nation; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
13 month of July 2011 as the "We (Heart) Brain Month" in  
14 Pennsylvania.