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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MATZIE, MARCH 27, 2012

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH  
27, 2012

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 1, 2012, as "World Asthma Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, "World Asthma Day" will take place on May 1, 2012;

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4 WHEREAS, "World Asthma Day" is organized by the Global  
5 Initiative for Asthma (GINA) in collaboration with the  
6 Pennsylvania Asthma Partnership to raise awareness about asthma  
7 and improve asthma care throughout the world; and

8 WHEREAS, Each year GINA chooses a theme and organizes  
9 preparation and distribution of "World Asthma Day" materials and  
10 resources; and

11 WHEREAS, This year the theme for the occasion is "You Can  
12 Control Your Asthma"; and

13 WHEREAS, "World Asthma Day" activities are organized in each  
14 country by health care professionals, educators and members of  
15 the public who want to help reduce the burden of asthma; and

16 WHEREAS, The first "World Asthma Day" in 1998 was celebrated  
17 in more than 35 countries in conjunction with the first world

1 asthma meeting held in Barcelona, Spain; and

2 WHEREAS, Participation has increased with each "World Asthma  
3 Day" held since then, and the day has become one of the world's  
4 most important asthma awareness and education events; and

5 WHEREAS, Many Americans are afflicted with asthma, a serious  
6 chronic lung disease, caused by continual airway inflammation  
7 punctuated by episodes or attacks of increased inflammation  
8 often in response to specific triggers; and

9 WHEREAS, These attacks, characterized by difficulty in  
10 breathing, occasionally are extreme and constitute a medical  
11 emergency; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the past two decades, the burden of asthma in  
13 the United States has greatly increased; and

14 WHEREAS, More recent data about asthma-related  
15 hospitalizations and mortality appear to indicate that asthma  
16 prevalence has stabilized and improved levels of disease  
17 management have helped to mitigate asthma's effects; therefore  
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 1,  
20 2012, as "World Asthma Day" in Pennsylvania.