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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2013

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HENNESSEY, GINGRICH, HEFFLEY AND MARSICO, MARCH 13, 2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 13, 2013

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2013 as "National Poetry Month"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Academy of American Poets established the month  
4 of April as National Poetry Month in 1996; and

5 WHEREAS, National Poetry Month seeks to highlight the  
6 extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets,  
7 introduce Americans to the pleasures and benefits of reading  
8 poetry, bring poets and poetry to the public in immediate and  
9 innovative ways and make poetry an important part of our  
10 children's education; and

11 WHEREAS, National Poetry Month, under the leadership and  
12 direction of the Academy of American Poets, is now the largest  
13 literary celebration in the world; and

14 WHEREAS, Poetry enhances and enriches the lives of all  
15 Americans; and

16 WHEREAS, Poetry, as an essential part of the arts and

1 humanities, affects every aspect of life in America today,  
2 including education, the economy and community pride and  
3 development; and

4 WHEREAS, Poetry has produced some of the nation's leading  
5 creative artists and has inspired other artists in fields such  
6 as music, theater, film, dance and the visual arts; therefore be  
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
9 month of April 2013, as "National Poetry Month" in Pennsylvania.