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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 11, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 20, 2014, as "March for Meals Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Hunger among senior citizens in America is a serious  
4 and pervasive problem, as one in seven seniors is threatened by  
5 hunger; and

6 WHEREAS, Research indicates that 8.3 million seniors faced  
7 the threat of hunger in 2010, which reflects a 78% increase  
8 since 2001; and

9 WHEREAS, Since the economic recession began in 2007, there  
10 has been a 34% increase in senior hunger and the threat of  
11 hunger for seniors increased in 44 states; and

12 WHEREAS, The Meals on Wheels Association of America (MOWAA)  
13 annually sponsors the March for Meals campaign, which is  
14 designed to raise awareness of senior hunger and encourage  
15 action at the local level; and

1       WHEREAS, Senior nutrition programs across the United States  
2 promote March for Meals in their communities through public  
3 events, volunteer recruitment efforts, partnerships with local  
4 businesses and fundraising initiatives; and

5       WHEREAS, The MOWAA is the oldest and largest national  
6 organization composed of and representing local, community-based  
7 senior nutrition programs in all 50 states, as well as the  
8 United States Territories; and

9       WHEREAS, There are approximately 5,000 local senior nutrition  
10 programs in the United States, which daily provide more than 1  
11 million meals to seniors who need them; and

12       WHEREAS, There are between 800,000 and 1.7 million individual  
13 volunteers involved in these programs, which is the largest  
14 volunteer army in the nation; and

15       WHEREAS, On September 1, 2009, the MOWAA Board of Directors  
16 approved a new vision for the MOWAA, which is to end senior  
17 hunger by the year 2020; and

18       WHEREAS, To achieve this mission, MOWAA has set a goal of  
19 recruiting 6 million people who are willing to stand up and  
20 pledge to do what it takes to end senior hunger; and

21       WHEREAS, The annual March for Meals campaign should continue  
22 to contribute significantly toward realizing this ambitious and  
23 most worthy goal, and citizens of this Commonwealth are  
24 encouraged to participate in this effort to fight senior citizen  
25 hunger; therefore be it

26       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March  
27 20, 2014, as "March for Meals Day" in Pennsylvania.