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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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PICKETT, NEILSON, BROOKS, KIRKLAND, VEREB, BIZZARRO,  
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YOUNGBLOOD, MURT, MENTZER, RAVENSTAHL, MAHONEY, HAHN, LUCAS,  
KAUFFMAN, ROSS, D. COSTA, GINGRICH, GOODMAN AND SWANGER,  
JUNE 12, 2014

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 12, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 15, 2014, as "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Older Pennsylvanians should be recognized as a  
4 valuable resource to this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, No one is immune to the threat of elder abuse; and

6 WHEREAS, It is an obligation of all citizens to protect the  
7 health, safety and welfare of this Commonwealth's elder  
8 citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth received more than 18,500 reports  
10 of elder abuse in 2013 and it is estimated that only one in five  
11 cases of abuse is reported; and

12 WHEREAS, The Department of Aging has declared the theme of  
13 this year's Elder Abuse Awareness Day as "One Person, One  
14 Action, One State - United Against Elder Abuse"; and

1       WHEREAS, The act of November 6, 1987 (P.L.381, No.79), known  
2 as the Older Adults Protective Services Act, requires that older  
3 adults who lack the capacity to protect themselves shall have  
4 access to and be provided with the services necessary to protect  
5 their health, safety and welfare; and

6       WHEREAS, A partnership exists between the Department of  
7 Aging, the Pennsylvania Association of Area Agencies on Aging,  
8 Temple University's Institute on Protective Services, district  
9 attorneys, county elder abuse task forces and State and local  
10 law enforcement to investigate every allegation of elder abuse;  
11 and

12       WHEREAS, It is necessary to increase awareness of the  
13 incidents of elder abuse and to educate people about the methods  
14 to report suspected cases of abuse; therefore be it

15       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate June  
16 15, 2014, as "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania and  
17 strive to increase awareness every day about elder abuse and the  
18 resources in place to prevent it from occurring.