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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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GINGRICH, MAY 11, 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MAY 11, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 13, 2015, as "Missing Adult Persons Remembrance  
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, There are up to 20,000 missing adult persons in the  
4 United States on any given day; and

5 WHEREAS, More than 200 adult persons from this Commonwealth  
6 are currently among the missing; and

7 WHEREAS, Underlying causes of missing adult person cases  
8 include mental illness, addiction, abduction, natural disasters  
9 and intentional disappearance; and

10 WHEREAS, Resolution of these cases may be difficult given the  
11 absence of crime scene and forensic evidence; and

12 WHEREAS, With voluntary reporting of missing adult persons to  
13 existing databases, there is a low rate of reporting; and

14 WHEREAS, Even when these cases are reported, the lack of

1 connection among Federal, State, local and nonprofit databases  
2 creates challenges for information sharing; and

3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Police, local law enforcement  
4 agencies, medical examiners, coroners, criminal justice  
5 professionals and family members work to resolve these  
6 difficult, heartbreaking cases; and

7 WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Crime  
8 Information Center Missing Person File is a computerized  
9 database of documented criminal justice information accessible  
10 only to law enforcement agencies; and

11 WHEREAS, NamUs, the National Missing and Unidentified Persons  
12 System established by the United States Department of Justice in  
13 2007, is a publicly searchable, online database that serves as a  
14 national repository for case information on missing persons; and

15 WHEREAS, Federal and State legislation is necessary to close  
16 loopholes and increase the coordination among national missing  
17 persons organizations so that stakeholders and families find it  
18 easier to navigate the complex systems and improve the ability  
19 to access critical information; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 13,  
21 2015, as "Missing Adult Persons Remembrance Day" in Pennsylvania  
22 to bring attention to the missing adult persons in this  
23 Commonwealth and beyond and to bring resolution to affected  
24 families through enhanced reporting, data sharing and  
25 investigation.