## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

- Designating the week of April 8 through 13, 2013, as "Community Banking Week" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, For more than 200 years, Pennsylvania's community
- 4 financial institutions have provided the local support that
- 5 Commonwealth communities need to prosper and grow; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Today, more than 200 community banks in this
- 7 Commonwealth continue the tradition of giving back to their
- 8 local communities through nearly 1,300 banking offices; and
- 9 WHEREAS, With more than \$90 billion in assets, community
- 10 banks know that when money stays in a town it becomes a
- 11 renewable resource, creating an economic cycle that constantly
- 12 revitalizes and stimulates local communities; and
- 13 WHEREAS, These banks have made significant contributions to
- 14 the economic well-being of this Commonwealth through their

- 1 financial support, their dedication as good neighbors and, above
- 2 all, their service as financially sound and reliable sources of
- 3 economic lifeblood in our communities; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's community banks focus on the
- 5 prosperity of individuals and small businesses in their
- 6 hometowns and also enjoy the trust of their customers; and
- WHEREAS, Community banks have reinvested, on average, 95% of
- 8 their loan portfolios in their own communities through
- 9 residential mortgages and commercial and agricultural loans; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Community banks play a significant role in local
- 11 economic development efforts, stimulating the economy to produce
- 12 jobs and new opportunities and, as a group, contribute an
- 13 important and strong part of this Commonwealth's economic
- 14 fabric; and
- WHEREAS, Neighbors are helping neighbors build their homes,
- 16 save for higher education, plan for retirement and fulfill other
- 17 dreams through community banks; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Community banks have continued their strong
- 19 tradition of small business lending, in spite of difficult
- 20 economic conditions, so that they may strengthen and support
- 21 this Commonwealth's economy; and
- 22 WHEREAS, Community banks have long helped in the development
- 23 of our communities and this Commonwealth as a whole, and we look
- 24 forward to many more contributions; therefore be it
- 25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
- 26 week of April 8 through 13, 2013, as "Community Banking Week" in
- 27 Pennsylvania.