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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 951 Session of  
2014

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INTRODUCED BY READSHAW, BENNINGHOFF, BISHOP, DIGIROLAMO,  
CALTAGIRONE, MICOZZIE, McNEILL, KINSEY, KOTIK, KIRKLAND,  
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R. MILLER, FLECK, COHEN, GRELL, GINGRICH, DeLUCA, KAUFFMAN,  
MAHONEY, MARSICO, KORTZ, KULA, WHITE, MAJOR, GOODMAN,  
McCARTER, MURT, MILNE, DEASY AND GILLEN, JULY 29, 2014

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JULY 29, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 20, 2014, as "Children's Grief Awareness  
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Children who have had a loved one die, especially a  
4 close family member, can carry that loss with them forever, and  
5 it sometimes causes confusion in their minds as to why their  
6 loved one was taken away; and

7 WHEREAS, Highmark Caring Place is a center for grieving  
8 children, adolescents and their families, and there are four  
9 Caring Place centers throughout this Commonwealth which provide  
10 a place where, above all, individuals and families can find  
11 comfort, understanding and help in time of grief; and

12 WHEREAS, Children's Grief Awareness Day began in this  
13 Commonwealth by the Highmark Caring Place in 2008 in order to  
14 help others understand the impact of death on children and their

1 need for support; and

2 WHEREAS, Children's Grief Awareness Day is observed every  
3 year on the Thursday before Thanksgiving, immediately preceding  
4 the winter holidays, which can be a particularly difficult time  
5 for grieving children; and

6 WHEREAS, A simple way to participate is to encourage as many  
7 people as possible to wear blue on that day as a symbol of  
8 support for Children's Grief Awareness Day; and

9 WHEREAS, This year, on November 20, 2014, Caring Team for  
10 Children schools, along with children and adults from all walks  
11 of life across Pennsylvania, will join together with thousands  
12 of others nationally and internationally to show their support  
13 for grieving children by participating in Children's Grief  
14 Awareness Day; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
16 November 20, 2014, as "Children's Grief Awareness Day" in  
17 Pennsylvania.