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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 281 Session of  
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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 30, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2013 as "Older Americans Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, A growing number of citizens 55 years of age and  
4 older make their home in this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, Older adults throughout this Commonwealth and this  
6 nation are an increasing population with evolving needs; and

7 WHEREAS, Older Americans are valuable members of our society  
8 who enhance our communities and personal lives; and

9 WHEREAS, The increasing number of baby boomers reaching  
10 traditional retirement age highlights the need for increased  
11 support of older adults; and

12 WHEREAS, Older citizens of today and tomorrow promise to be

1 among the most active and involved older adult populations in  
2 this nation's history; and

3 WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of this Commonwealth and  
4 all states and communities to work collaboratively to address  
5 older adults' unique health and long-term care challenges; and

6 WHEREAS, It is crucial that systems of care are improved to  
7 help empower older Americans and give them more control over  
8 their own lives; and

9 WHEREAS, Older citizens' overall quality of life can be  
10 improved by helping them:

11 (1) make behavioral changes in their lifestyles that can  
12 reduce the risk of disease, disability and injury;

13 (2) obtain the tools they need to make informed  
14 decisions about, and gain better access to, existing health  
15 and long-term care options in their communities; and

16 (3) have more options to avoid placement in nursing  
17 homes and remain at home as long as possible;

18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May  
20 2013 as "Older Americans Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it  
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That all citizens of this Commonwealth be  
23 encouraged to take time this May to honor older adults and the  
24 professionals, family members and citizens who care for them.