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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 433 Session of  
2013

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INTRODUCED BY CALTAGIRONE, HENNESSEY, DONATUCCI, MCNEILL,  
SCHLOSSBERG, KIRKLAND, DIGIROLAMO, VEREB, READSHAW, KNOWLES,  
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HESS, FABRIZIO, DENLINGER, GINGRICH, GILLEN, MAHONEY,  
BRADFORD AND BENNINGHOFF, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2013 as "Dwarfism Awareness  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Dwarfism is a rare medical condition, with an  
4 estimated 30,000 people in the United States and more than  
5 650,000 people worldwide having some type of dwarfism; and

6 WHEREAS, Dwarfism affects bone growth but generally does not  
7 affect cognitive abilities; and

8 WHEREAS, Dwarfism is a recognized condition under the  
9 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336, 104  
10 Stat. 327); and

11 WHEREAS, While the medical prognosis for persons with  
12 dwarfism is highly individualized, the majority of persons with  
13 dwarfism enjoy normal intelligence, normal life spans and  
14 reasonably good health; and

15 WHEREAS, Other persons with dwarfism will require surgeries  
16 or other medical interventions to address complications and

1 maximize mobility; and

2 WHEREAS, The preferred terminology for persons with dwarfism  
3 includes "persons of short stature," "persons having dwarfism"  
4 or "little persons"; and

5 WHEREAS, "Midget," an antiquated term, may offend persons  
6 with dwarfism; and

7 WHEREAS, Persons with dwarfism can turn to support  
8 organizations such as the Little People of America, Inc., (LPA)  
9 for guidance on parenting, adoption, education, medical  
10 consultation, physical fitness, peer support, community outreach  
11 and advocacy; and

12 WHEREAS, The oldest and largest support organization for  
13 persons with dwarfism in the United States, LPA is dedicated to  
14 improving the quality of life for people with dwarfism, while  
15 celebrating with great pride their contributions to social  
16 diversity; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
18 month of October 2013 as "Dwarfism Awareness Month" in  
19 Pennsylvania.