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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 15, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 2013 as "Pennsylvania's Promise for Children  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, There are approximately 730,000 children from birth  
4 to five years of age in Pennsylvania today; and

5 WHEREAS, A young child's brain forms 700 neural synapses a  
6 second, and the circuits for key functions such as vision,  
7 hearing, language and higher cognitive function develop most in  
8 the first five years of life; and

9 WHEREAS, The creation of these circuits is affected by a  
10 child's early learning environment; and

11 WHEREAS, Quality early learning and child development play a  
12 major role in a child's future success in school and in life;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Young children learn best when they have proper

1 health and nutrition, a safe and stable family and home life and  
2 activities that stimulate creativity, curiosity and all the  
3 skills they will need to succeed in school and in life; and

4 WHEREAS, Forty years of research show that children receiving  
5 high quality early education are more likely to be prepared for  
6 and do better in school, graduate high school, attend college or  
7 job training and be better prepared for a competitive work  
8 force; and

9 WHEREAS, Talking, reading and playing with children from  
10 birth builds the language, math and social skills they need to  
11 be ready for kindergarten; and

12 WHEREAS, Choosing quality early learning programs like  
13 Keystone STARS, Pre-K Counts, Head Start, Early Intervention,  
14 Nurse-Family Partnership and Parent-Child Home Program which  
15 partner with families and provide children with good teachers  
16 and learning activities sparks creativity and a love for  
17 learning so they can grow and develop; and

18 WHEREAS, Every \$1 invested in quality early education saves  
19 at least \$7 in special education, public assistance, corrections  
20 and lost taxes; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October  
22 2013 as "Pennsylvania's Promise for Children Month," recognizing  
23 that every child in Pennsylvania deserves access to quality  
24 early learning opportunities and that it is the responsibility  
25 of every citizen of this Commonwealth to help our children reach  
26 their promise.