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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 527 Session of  
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GILLEN, MURT, MILNE AND DENLINGER, OCTOBER 22, 2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 22, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of November 2013 as "National Hospice and  
2 Palliative Care Month" in Pennsylvania and encouraging all  
3 Pennsylvanians to increase their understanding and awareness  
4 of care at the end of life.

5 WHEREAS, Hospice and palliative care offer the highest  
6 quality services and support to patients and family caregivers  
7 facing serious and life-limiting illness; and

8 WHEREAS, Hospice care and palliative care providers take the  
9 time to ask what is important to those they are caring for and  
10 listen to what their patients and families say; and

11 WHEREAS, Skilled and compassionate hospice and palliative  
12 care professionals, including physicians, nurses, social  
13 workers, therapists, counselors, health aides and clergy,  
14 provide comprehensive care focused on the wishes of each

1 individual patient; and

2 WHEREAS, Through pain management, symptom control, caregiver  
3 training and assistance and emotional and spiritual support,  
4 patients are able to live fully up until the final moments  
5 surrounded and supported by the faces of loved ones, friends and  
6 committed caregivers; and

7 WHEREAS, The provision of quality hospice and palliative care  
8 reaffirms the belief in the essential dignity of every person,  
9 regardless of age, health or social status and that people at  
10 every stage of human life deserve to be treated with the utmost  
11 respect and care; and

12 WHEREAS, Every year more than 1.5 million Americans living  
13 with life-limiting illness and their families receive care from  
14 the nation's hospice programs in communities throughout the  
15 United States; and

16 WHEREAS, More than 468,000 trained volunteers contribute 22  
17 million hours of service to hospice programs annually; and

18 WHEREAS, Hospice and palliative care providers encourage all  
19 people to learn more about options of care and to share their  
20 wishes with family, loved ones and their health care  
21 professionals; and

22 WHEREAS, The National Hospice and Palliative Care  
23 Organization (NHPCO) and its family of affiliate organizations  
24 based at the National Center for Care at the End of Life all  
25 work to help NHPCO's more than 44,000 members work toward a  
26 shared vision of a world where individuals and families facing  
27 serious illness, death and grief will experience the best that  
28 humankind can offer; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
30 month of November 2013 as "National Hospice and Palliative Care

1 Month" in Pennsylvania and encourage all Pennsylvanians to  
2 increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of  
3 life.