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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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JANUARY 29, 2014

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 15, 2014, as "Angelman Syndrome Awareness  
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Angelman Syndrome is a neurological disorder that  
4 occurs in one in 15,000 live births; and

5 WHEREAS, Fifty percent of individuals with Angelman Syndrome  
6 are originally misdiagnosed, often as having cerebral palsy or  
7 autism; and

8 WHEREAS, Angelman Syndrome is characterized by severe  
9 intellectual and developmental disabilities, speech limitations,  
10 motor difficulties, seizures, jerky movements (especially hand-  
11 flapping), sleep disturbances, frequent laughter or smiling and  
12 usually a happy demeanor; and

13 WHEREAS, Individuals with Angelman Syndrome can have a normal  
14 life span and generally do not show developmental regression as  
15 they age; and

1       WHEREAS, Late or misdiagnoses may cause individuals to lose  
2 opportunities for early intervention programs, resources,  
3 personalized support and lifesaving treatments; and

4       WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and tailored interventions and  
5 therapies help improve quality of life for individuals with  
6 Angelman Syndrome; therefore be it

7       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
8 February 15, 2014, as "Angelman Syndrome Awareness Day" in  
9 Pennsylvania.