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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 848 Session of  
2015

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INTRODUCED BY READSHAW, DEASY, PAYNE, FREEMAN, HARPER,  
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ZIMMERMAN, GINGRICH, MOUL AND GILLEN, MAY 2, 2016

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MAY 2, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 1 through 7, 2016, as "Small  
2 Business Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Every year since 1963, the President of the United  
4 States has issued a proclamation announcing "National Small  
5 Business Week," which recognizes the critical contributions of  
6 America's entrepreneurs and small business owners; and

7 WHEREAS, Small businesses create about two out of every three  
8 new jobs in this country each year; and

9 WHEREAS, More than half of Americans either own or work for a  
10 small business; and

11 WHEREAS, Small businesses make up 98.2% of all employers in  
12 this Commonwealth; and

1       WHEREAS, Small businesses helped this Commonwealth attain a  
2 4.6% unemployment rate in January 2016, which was lower than the  
3 national average of 4.9%; and

4       WHEREAS, Small businesses employ approximately half, or 2.4  
5 million, of this Commonwealth's private work force; and

6       WHEREAS, The 999,591 small businesses in this Commonwealth  
7 produce billions of dollars in annual income, including  
8 benefits; and

9       WHEREAS, More small business owners are anticipating economic  
10 expansion in the coming year than at any point since the end of  
11 the economic recession; and

12       WHEREAS, The Commonwealth's commitment to small business  
13 development and advancement is clear in many ways, such as the  
14 work of the Pennsylvania Office of Small Business Advocate; and

15       WHEREAS, The ongoing work of the Pennsylvania Office of Small  
16 Business Advocate afforded an estimated \$90 million in savings  
17 in 2015 annual utility cost savings, with an estimated \$222  
18 million in utility cost savings over the next three years,  
19 realized by this Commonwealth's small business utility  
20 customers; and

21       WHEREAS, Most new jobs that are created in this Commonwealth  
22 are in small businesses; therefore be it

23       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
24 week of May 1 through 7, 2016, as "Small Business Week" in  
25 Pennsylvania.