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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 911 Session of  
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ROEBUCK, JUNE 19, 2014

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 19, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of July 2014 as "Free Community Paper  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The statement made by Thomas Jefferson to John Jay  
4 in 1786 still rings true today, "Our liberty cannot be guarded  
5 but by the freedom of the press, nor that be limited without  
6 danger of losing it"; and

7 WHEREAS, The publishing industry of free community papers and  
8 newspapers, made up of both small and large organizations, is an  
9 important element in local communities throughout this nation;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Collectively, free community papers and newspapers  
12 disseminate valuable information to more than 50 million homes  
13 each week; and

14 WHEREAS, These hometown publications are the original and  
15 enduring hyper local medium, carrying the torch of democracy as  
16 the town crier, fixed in print and shared with neighbors free of

1 charge; and

2 WHEREAS, Free community papers proudly serve the information  
3 needs of their communities across this great land, while  
4 promoting local commerce, free enterprise and public service;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, It is fitting that recognition be given to these  
7 publications, their owners and staff for their continued  
8 contributions to the growth and success of local communities;  
9 therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
11 month of July 2014 as "Free Community Paper Month" in  
12 Pennsylvania and encourage all Pennsylvanians to observe this  
13 month by taking time to read, recognize and acknowledge the  
14 importance of free community papers.