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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 294 Session of  
2014

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INTRODUCED BY BAKER, WOZNIAK, ERICKSON, FERLO, KASUNIC,  
DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, GREENLEAF, SMITH, ARGALL, FONTANA,  
STACK, WHITE, ALLOWAY, PILEGGI, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, BROWNE,  
VULAKOVICH AND BOSCOLA, FEBRUARY 4, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

1 Observing March 1, 2014, as "St. David's Day" in Pennsylvania,  
2 and honoring the many Pennsylvanians of Welsh heritage.

3 WHEREAS, St. David is the patron saint of Wales, and March 1,  
4 St. David's feast day, is the Welsh National Holiday, celebrated  
5 by Welsh people throughout the world; and

6 WHEREAS, Since the 17th Century, a significant number of  
7 people moved from Wales to Pennsylvania seeking employment and  
8 religious freedom; and

9 WHEREAS, William Penn and the Society of Friends, or Quakers,  
10 founded the heart of the Welsh settlement in Pennsylvania; and

11 WHEREAS, Since Pennsylvania and Wales both include rare  
12 anthracite coal among their natural resources, many of the  
13 settlers from Wales settled in northeastern Pennsylvania's coal  
14 regions; and

15 WHEREAS, The rich Welsh traditions and heritage have had a  
16 tremendous impact on Pennsylvania; and

17 WHEREAS, St. David's Day unites Welsh people worldwide in a

1 celebration of their identity; therefore be it

2       RESOLVED, That the Senate observe March 1, 2014, as "St.  
3 David's Day" in Pennsylvania and honor the many Pennsylvanians  
4 of Welsh heritage.