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A RESOLUTION

1 2 3 4	Designating May 2014 as "SAG-AFTRA Month" in Pennsylvania and recognizing the artistic and economic contributions of SAG- AFTRA members' work in the news media and the entertainment industry.
5	WHEREAS, The Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation
6	of Television and Radio Artists were each formed in the 1930s
7	and merged in 2012 to form SAG-AFTRA; and
8	WHEREAS, SAG-AFTRA represents more than 160,000 members who
9	work as actors, broadcast journalists, dancers, television and
10	radio announcers, news editors, program hosts, puppeteers,
11	recording artists, singers, voice-over artists and other media
12	professionals; and
13	WHEREAS, SAG-AFTRA members work in movies, television and
14	radio, on the Internet and in other forms of media distribution;
15	and
16	WHEREAS, SAG-AFTRA works on behalf of its members to secure
17	the strongest possible protections for media artists, including
18	organizing all work done under its jurisdiction; negotiating

1 better wages, working conditions and health and pension benefits 2 for its members; protecting and expanding job opportunities of 3 members; enforcing member contracts; and protecting members 4 against unauthorized use of their work product; and

5 WHEREAS, SAG-AFTRA is a member of the American Federation of 6 Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations that works 7 closely with other unions to seek protection for media artists 8 in the United States and abroad; and

9 WHEREAS, The SAG-AFTRA Philadelphia Local represents members 10 in eastern Pennsylvania and the SAG-AFTRA Ohio-Pittsburgh Local 11 represents members in western Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, The presence of a skilled professional community in Pennsylvania helps to attract theatrical and commercial artistic endeavors to this Commonwealth; and

15 WHEREAS, SAG-AFTRA works to create and expand job 16 opportunities for its members within this Commonwealth; 17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 2014 as "SAG-AFTRA 19 Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the important artistic 21 and economic contributions of SAG-AFTRA members' work in the 22 news media and the entertainment industry.

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