

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 227 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY A. HARRIS, KIRKLAND, MURT, M. K. KELLER, WHEATLEY, TOPPER, GREINER, V. BROWN, ROZZI, THOMAS, MACKENZIE, DUSH, SCHLEGEL CULVER, SONNEY, COHEN, MARSHALL, CALTAGIRONE, MILLARD, BAKER, LONGIETTI, FREEMAN, ROSS, HEFFLEY, KINSEY, DAVIS, PEIFER, DIGIROLAMO, HICKERNELL, METZGAR, BOBACK, READSHAW, CAUSER, SCHLOSSBERG, KAUFFMAN, RAPP, SANKEY, WATSON, ZIMMERMAN, FARINA, BARRAR, VEREB, GIBBONS, CUTLER, McNEILL, IRVIN, MARSICO, PICKETT, HARHART, JOZWIAK, YOUNGBLOOD, D. COSTA, SCHWEYER, GRELL, DONATUCCI, O'NEILL, GABLER, MAHONEY, PAYNE, WARD, GOODMAN, McCARTER, EVERETT, DAY, MAJOR AND GINGRICH, APRIL 10, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 10, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2015 as "Community Banking Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For more than 200 years this Commonwealth's
4 community financial institutions have provided the local support
5 that communities need to prosper and grow; and

6 WHEREAS, Today more than 180 community banks in this
7 Commonwealth continue the tradition of giving back to their
8 local communities through more than 1,000 banking offices; and

9 WHEREAS, With more than \$110 billion in assets, community
10 banks know that when money stays in a town it becomes a
11 renewable resource, creating an economic cycle that constantly
12 revitalizes and stimulates local communities; and

13 WHEREAS, These banks have made significant contributions to

1 the economic well-being of this Commonwealth through their
2 financial support, their dedication as good neighbors and, above
3 all, their service as financially sound and reliable sources of
4 economic lifeblood in our communities; and

5 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's community banks focus on the
6 prosperity of individuals and small businesses in their
7 hometowns and also enjoy the trust of their customers; and

8 WHEREAS, On average, community banks have reinvested 95% of
9 loan portfolios in their own communities through residential
10 mortgages and commercial and agricultural loans; and

11 WHEREAS, Community banks play a significant role in local
12 economic development efforts, stimulating the economy to produce
13 jobs and new opportunities and, as a group, they are an
14 important and strong part of this Commonwealth's economic
15 fabric; and

16 WHEREAS, Neighbors are helping neighbors build their homes,
17 save for higher education, plan for retirement and fulfill other
18 dreams through community banks; and

19 WHEREAS, Community banks have continued their strong
20 tradition of small business lending, in spite of difficult
21 economic conditions, so that they may strengthen and support the
22 Commonwealth's economy; and

23 WHEREAS, Community banks have long helped in the development
24 of our communities and this Commonwealth as a whole and we look
25 forward to many more contributions; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
27 month of April 2015 as "Community Banking Month" in
28 Pennsylvania.