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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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GOODMAN, HESS AND MARSICO, JANUARY 29, 2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JANUARY 29, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of February 2013 as "American Heart Month"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, While progress has been significant in reducing  
4 deaths from heart disease, it is still the number one killer of  
5 both women and men; and

6 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease is the nation's leading cause  
7 of death and costliest disease with direct and indirect costs  
8 estimated to be \$312.6 billion; and

9 WHEREAS, Between 1999 and 2009, the rate of deaths from  
10 cardiovascular disease fell 32.7%, but still accounted for  
11 nearly one in three deaths in the nation; and

12 WHEREAS, Approximately 2,150 people die from cardiovascular  
13 disease each day, accounting for about one death every 40  
14 seconds; and

1       WHEREAS, 40,162 people die from cardiovascular disease in  
2 Pennsylvania each year; and

3       WHEREAS, The American Heart Association's 2020 impact goal  
4 seeks to improve the cardiovascular health of all Americans by  
5 20% while reducing deaths from cardiovascular disease and stroke  
6 by 20% through research, population-level and community-level  
7 interventions and public health and policy measures; and

8       WHEREAS, Efforts of the American Heart Association encourage  
9 citizens to help save lives by calling 911 if symptoms occur,  
10 become trained in CPR and encourage comprehensive automated  
11 external defibrillator programs in their communities; and

12       WHEREAS, The American Heart Association is celebrating the  
13 month of February 2013 as American Heart Month and promoting  
14 education and awareness by encouraging citizens to learn the  
15 warning signs of heart attack and stroke; therefore be it

16       RESOLVED, That in recognition of the importance of the  
17 ongoing fight against heart disease, the House of  
18 Representatives designate the month of February 2013 as  
19 "American Heart Month" in Pennsylvania and urge all  
20 Pennsylvanians to recognize the critical importance of tools and  
21 skills that will increase survival rates from cardiac arrest and  
22 save thousands of lives each year.