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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, WOZNIAK, KITCHEN,  
DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, TEPLITZ, STACK, SMITH, ARGALL, COSTA,  
ALLOWAY, FERLO, WAUGH, ERICKSON, BAKER, BRUBAKER, BREWSTER,  
SCHWANK, BLAKE, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, HUTCHINSON, KASUNIC,  
SCARNATI, YUDICHAK, HUGHES, PILEGGI, VULAKOVICH, SOLOBAY AND  
MENSCH, MAY 7, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2013 as "Older Americans Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Older adults have made important contributions to  
4 the culture, economy and character of this nation and this  
5 Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Today's older Americans span three generations, have  
7 lived through wars and hard times as well as periods of  
8 unprecedented prosperity and have also pioneered new  
9 technologies in medicine, communications and industry while  
10 spearheading a cultural revolution that won equal rights for  
11 minorities, women and disabled Americans; and

12 WHEREAS, Older Americans have been honored during the month  
13 of May since 1963, when President John F. Kennedy issued the  
14 first proclamation asking that the entire nation pay tribute in  
15 some way to older persons in their communities; and

16 WHEREAS, When "Older Americans Month" was first established,

1 only 17 million Americans reached their 65th birthdays, about  
2 one-third of older Americans lived in poverty and there were few  
3 programs to meet their needs; and

4 WHEREAS, Today, increasing numbers of adults are reaching  
5 retirement age and remaining strong and active for longer than  
6 ever before; and

7 WHEREAS, By the year 2030, America's senior population is  
8 expected to number 71.5 million; and

9 WHEREAS, As the new generation of seniors becomes better  
10 educated and more financially secure than their predecessors,  
11 seniors are spending more time making significant contributions  
12 in their communities through civic and volunteer opportunities;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The theme for this year's annual "Older Americans  
15 Month" is "Unleash the Power of Age!" which pays homage to the  
16 many ways in which older adults bring inspiration and continuity  
17 to the fabric of our communities; and

18 WHEREAS, The annual commemoration of "Older Americans Month"  
19 is an opportunity to recognize the contributions of older  
20 citizens and join in providing services and support that empower  
21 the elderly; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of May 2013 as  
23 "Older Americans Month" in Pennsylvania.