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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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OCTOBER 6, 2014

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 6, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2014 as "Pennsylvania's Promise  
2 for Children Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, There are approximately 730,000 children five years  
4 of age or younger in Pennsylvania today; and

5 WHEREAS, The quality of a child's early experiences before  
6 the age of five shape brain architecture and learning ability;

7 WHEREAS, Quality early learning and child development play a  
8 major role in a child's future success in school and in life;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Young children learn best when they have proper  
11 health and nutrition, a safe and stable family and home life and  
12 activities that stimulate creativity, curiosity and all the  
13 skills they will need to succeed in school and in life; and

1       WHEREAS, Forty years of research shows that children  
2 receiving high quality early education are more likely to be  
3 prepared for and do better in school, graduate high school,  
4 attend college or job training and be better prepared for a  
5 competitive work force; and

6       WHEREAS, The positive social, economic and health outcomes  
7 for children who have quality early learning experience provide  
8 long-term benefits to our communities; and

9       WHEREAS, Talking, reading and playing with children from  
10 birth builds language, math and social skills needed to be ready  
11 for kindergarten; and

12       WHEREAS, A child's family and trusted adults play a critical  
13 role in the child's development; and

14       WHEREAS, Choosing quality early learning programs, such as  
15 Keystone STARS, Pre-K Counts, Head Start, Early Intervention,  
16 Nurse-Family Partnership and Parent-Child Home Program, which  
17 partner with families and provide children with good teachers  
18 and learning activities, spark creativity and a love for  
19 learning so children can grow and develop; and

20       WHEREAS, Every \$1 invested in quality early education saves  
21 at least \$7 in special education, public assistance, corrections  
22 and lost taxes; therefore be it

23       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
24 month of October 2014 as "Pennsylvania's Promise for Children  
25 Month," recognizing that every child in Pennsylvania deserves  
26 access to quality early learning opportunities and that it is  
27 the responsibility of every resident of this Commonwealth to  
28 help our children reach their promise.