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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 540 Session of  
2013

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INTRODUCED BY HACKETT, O'BRIEN, COHEN, MICOZZIE, CORBIN,  
NEILSON, V. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, READSHAW, SCHLOSSBERG,  
SWANGER, MIRABITO, MALONEY, LUCAS, KAVULICH, THOMAS, MILLARD,  
DIGIROLAMO, BOBACK, ROZZI, HEFFLEY, PICKETT, KIRKLAND,  
KILLION, KOTIK, MURT, YOUNGBLOOD, MCNEILL, LONGIETTI, MAJOR,  
HARHART, ROCK, WATSON, BAKER, GIBBONS, FLECK, SABATINA,  
CLYMER, ROSS, HAHN, D. COSTA AND C. HARRIS, NOVEMBER 6, 2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
NOVEMBER 6, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 21, 2013, as "The Great American Smokeout  
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Smoking, secondhand smoke and broader tobacco  
4 marketing were commonplace in the 1970s when annual Great  
5 American Smokeout events were first observed; and

6 WHEREAS, Today more than 43 million people in the United  
7 States smoke cigarettes, and 15 million others smoke tobacco in  
8 cigars or pipes; and

9 WHEREAS, Smoking is believed to cause 1 in 5 deaths from all  
10 causes and nearly 1 in 3 deaths from cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, Millions of Americans are living with serious  
12 tobacco-related illnesses; and

13 WHEREAS, Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, The Great  
14 American Smokeout is held each year on the third Thursday of  
15 November to create awareness of addiction and tobacco-related

1 diseases and deaths to promote further regulation of tobacco  
2 products and to help smokers quit; and

3 WHEREAS, Research has shown that smokers have greater success  
4 quitting smoking when they have appropriate support; and

5 WHEREAS, Smoking cessation is more readily attained when  
6 smokers use two or more of these recommended measures: support  
7 groups, online groups, counseling, nicotine replacement,  
8 prescription medicine, guide books and encouragement from  
9 friends and family members; and

10 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives, noting the dangers of  
11 tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke, is committed to  
12 the prevention and cessation of smoking and other tobacco use;  
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize  
15 November 21, 2013, as "The Great American Smokeout Day" in  
16 Pennsylvania.