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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY DEAN, COHEN, KILLION, DAVIS, DONATUCCI, KIRKLAND,  
BAKER, MACKENZIE, LONGIETTI, VEREB, HENNESSEY, THOMAS,  
DIGIROLAMO, MURT, BROWNLEE, KINSEY, WHEELAND, ACOSTA,  
MILLARD, CALTAGIRONE, BARRAR, BISHOP, YOUNGBLOOD, ROEBUCK,  
WATSON, D. COSTA, READSHAW, McCARTER AND ROSS, APRIL 20, 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 20, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2015 as "Landscape Architecture  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Landscape architecture originated in ancient times,  
4 specifically within the cultures of Persia, Egypt, Greece and  
5 Rome, and subsisted with varying degrees of influence throughout  
6 history to modern times; and

7 WHEREAS, In the mid-1800s, Frederick Law Olmsted, who is  
8 considered the founder of American landscape architecture, first  
9 rejected the name "landscape gardener" in favor of "landscape  
10 architect"; and

11 WHEREAS, Olmsted is credited with establishing professional  
12 standards and pioneering the concept that parks and outdoor  
13 spaces should not only be well-designed, but serve as functional  
14 green spaces, particularly within large congested urban areas;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, From the mid-1800s until the turn of the 20th

1 Century, the landscape architecture movement was born and  
2 continued to flourish and influence the city beautification  
3 movement; and

4 WHEREAS, During the Great Depression, the public works  
5 program began, at which time landscape architecture not only had  
6 a tremendous impact on urban planning and design, but more  
7 importantly on the design of national and state parks, local  
8 community projects and parkways; and

9 WHEREAS, For over a century, landscape architecture has  
10 combined creativity, insight and expertise to enhance the beauty  
11 of our Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, Landscape architecture not only provides for the  
13 design of parks, residential environments and other natural open  
14 spaces, but also for the preservation of natural landscapes and  
15 the conservation of historic landscapes; and

16 WHEREAS, Landscape architecture balances artistic and  
17 scientific principals in planning, design and management of  
18 natural and man-made environments; and

19 WHEREAS, Landscape architecture has made a tremendous  
20 contribution to the quality of life of residents of this  
21 Commonwealth; and

22 WHEREAS, The design of community centers, plazas and  
23 streetscapes continue to rejuvenate communities throughout this  
24 Commonwealth; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
26 month of April 2015 as "Landscape Architecture Month" in  
27 Pennsylvania.