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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 5, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of
2 Philadelphia's South 9th Street Italian Market.

3 WHEREAS, Antonio Palumbo, an Italian immigrant, opened a
4 neighborhood boarding house for his fellow Italian immigrants in
5 the mid-to-late 1880s; and

6 WHEREAS, In increasing numbers, businesses surrounded the
7 boarding house to serve the neighboring community and the
8 businesses grew to form the largest outdoor continuous market in
9 the nation; and

10 WHEREAS, Providing the necessary goods and services to the
11 community while promoting commercial and economic development,
12 the market grew to encompass the area along 9th Street from
13 Wharton Street to Fitzwater Street; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1915, the South 9th Street Businessmen's

1 Association was established, a nonprofit organization dedicated
2 to the unification of all businesses within its boundaries and
3 to the preservation of the South 9th Street Italian Market for
4 the betterment and common good of the surrounding community and
5 the city; and

6 WHEREAS, Encouraging the exploration of a variety of
7 cultures, the South 9th Street Italian Market provides an
8 atmosphere reminiscent of a medieval bazaar, inspiring its
9 patrons with the scents and tastes of authentic regional
10 cuisines; and

11 WHEREAS, Holding a one-of-a-kind annual celebration the third
12 weekend in May, the market entices visitors to the city to
13 sample Italian delicacies, embrace history, shop for authentic
14 foods and enjoy live entertainment; and

15 WHEREAS, Embracing and reflecting new waves of immigrants,
16 the South 9th Street Italian Market has continued to diversify
17 over the years; and

18 WHEREAS, Working together to preserve this historic
19 marketplace, more than 100 committed market vendors have
20 dedicated themselves to securing its future for the enjoyment of
21 future generations; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
23 100th anniversary of the establishment of Philadelphia's South
24 9th Street Italian Market; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize this
26 landmark market for preserving the history of a diverse
27 neighborhood of immigrants over the past 100 years while
28 maintaining the social and economic development of the City of
29 Philadelphia and this Commonwealth.