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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SCRIMENTI AND COLAFELLA, DECEMBER 11, 1989

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, DECEMBER 11, 1989

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Commonwealth's school districts to commence  
2 the fall term of school no earlier than the day after the  
3 observance of Labor Day.

4 WHEREAS, Traditionally, many Pennsylvanians consider Labor  
5 Day to be the unofficial end of summer; and

6 WHEREAS, The travel and tourism industry is the second  
7 largest in this Commonwealth and generates substantial revenues  
8 for State and local governments; and

9 WHEREAS, The opening of schools after Labor Day enables  
10 students to continue summer employment for a longer period, thus  
11 enabling Pennsylvania to compete with neighboring states during  
12 August for tourism revenues and encouraging out-of-State  
13 families to come into this Commonwealth for late August  
14 vacations; and

1       WHEREAS, Extending the summer tourism season in Pennsylvania  
2 can result in increased tax revenues for the Commonwealth and  
3 its local municipalities, and will also be beneficial to the  
4 many businesses which are directly and indirectly impacted by  
5 travel and tourism; and

6       WHEREAS, In areas of this Commonwealth where school commences  
7 prior to Labor Day, high school and college students who have  
8 summer employment leave their jobs one or two weeks prior to the  
9 holiday in order to prepare for and start school; and

10       WHEREAS, Opening schools after Labor Day will permit school  
11 students employed in summer jobs to work additional days and  
12 earn additional money during the summer months; and

13       WHEREAS, Beginning the school year after Labor Day will allow  
14 tourism-related businesses which are reliant upon school  
15 students as employees to maintain their normal summer hours  
16 during the latter part of August; and

17       WHEREAS, Commencing the school year after the observance of  
18 Labor Day will give in-State families a greater opportunity to  
19 travel and enjoy the late summer months without the interruption  
20 of scheduling conflicts with school and extracurricular  
21 activities; therefore be it

22       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
23 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the school districts of  
24 this Commonwealth to commence the fall term of school no earlier  
25 than the day after the observance of Labor Day; and be it  
26 further

27       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
28 the superintendent of each school district in this Commonwealth.