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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY SAURMAN, NAHILL, LAWLESS, HARLEY, GEIST, CARN,  
ARMSTRONG, E. Z. TAYLOR AND TRELLO, AUGUST 2, 1991

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Office of Drug and Alcohol Programs of the  
2 Department of Health to educate the public on the effects of  
3 alcohol.

4 WHEREAS, A substantial portion of the public considers  
5 alcohol to be a major national concern; and

6 WHEREAS, The costs of lost productivity and employment,  
7 medical care and damages incurred during alcohol-related  
8 incidents negate the revenues derived from taxes on the sale of  
9 alcohol; and

10 WHEREAS, Alcohol is a major factor in many cases of child  
11 abuse, divorce, suicide and rape; and

12 WHEREAS, Alcohol is a leading contributor to premature deaths  
13 and fatal and debilitating accidents, particularly those  
14 involving vehicles; and

15 WHEREAS, Alcohol may cause brain cell destruction, cirrhosis  
16 of the liver, cancers in the digestive tract and heart disease;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Alcohol consumption during pregnancy can cause birth

1 defects; and

2 WHEREAS, Alcoholism is officially recognized by the American  
3 Medical Association as a disease; and

4 WHEREAS, Increased public knowledge about the dangers of  
5 alcohol may convince individuals to monitor levels of alcoholic  
6 intake which may lead to a reduction of or an abstinence from  
7 alcohol consumption; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly  
9 memorialize the Office of Drug and Alcohol Programs of the  
10 Department of Health to develop and implement a Statewide  
11 educational campaign program which will provide information  
12 concerning the possible consequences of the use and abuse of  
13 alcohol; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
15 the Secretary of Health and the Deputy Secretary of Drug and  
16 Alcohol Programs.