

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JANUARY 31, 1994

A RESOLUTION

1 Proclaiming the week of January 30 through February 4, 1994, as
2 "National Catholic Schools Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Strongly committed to the traditional tenets of an
4 education that both challenges the mind and builds the
5 character, Catholic Schools have played a vital role in
6 America's educational structure; and

7 WHEREAS, Unerringly dedicated to the belief that education
8 involves not only the child but also the family and the parish,
9 Catholic Schools have continually sought to offer opportunities
10 to our children that they might not otherwise know; and

11 WHEREAS, Catholic Schools have consistently offered quality
12 education to almost a quarter of a million Pennsylvania students
13 every year while saving State and local taxpayers more than \$1
14 billion dollars a year. Steeped in traditions that enhance the
15 building of self-esteem and self-confidence through a strong
16 recognition of self-worth, Catholic Schools continually strive
17 to offer academic opportunities that keep pace with an ever-

1 changing society. Ever challenged to accept the responsibilities
2 they will face as tomorrow's leaders, students in Catholic
3 Schools learn that effective leaders must first learn to serve
4 the needs of others; and

5 WHEREAS, Through the dedication of teaching staffs that are
6 truly committed to the values that have made Catholic Schools
7 such a unique educational opportunity, Pennsylvania's 900
8 Catholic Schools have achieved a dropout rate that is less than
9 3% a year, while seeing about 80% of their graduates go on to
10 college; and

11 WHEREAS, During the week of January 30 through February 4,
12 1994, Catholic Schools across this Commonwealth will celebrate
13 "National Catholic Schools Week" to promote the value of a
14 parochial school education; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives hereby proclaim
16 January 30 through February 4, 1994, as "National Catholic
17 Schools Week" in Pennsylvania, and encourage all Pennsylvanians
18 to recognize the importance of parochial schools in providing
19 our children with the solid values and academic skills they will
20 need in becoming responsible citizens of our Commonwealth.