

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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1997

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AND E. Z. TAYLOR, OCTOBER 1, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, OCTOBER 1, 1997

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Department of Education to establish an "Adopt a
2 Classroom Program."

3 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives finds that business,
4 community groups, institutions of higher learning, labor
5 organizations, local residents, service organizations and social
6 clubs are endowed with knowledge, experience and financial
7 resources and have time available which could be shared with
8 this Commonwealth's public school students; and

9 WHEREAS, Greater community participation in education leads
10 to a sound learning environment and an active student body; and

11 WHEREAS, By working together, communities and the education
12 establishment can develop a strong working curriculum which
13 jointly meets students' needs and communities' ideals; and

1 WHEREAS, Collaboration between communities and the education
2 establishment will help to develop a skilled work force, ensure
3 a high rate of employment, create new jobs and foster new
4 business development; and

5 WHEREAS, The assistance to our public schools provided by
6 private nongovernmental entities may possibly reduce the burden
7 placed on this Commonwealth's taxpayers, who furnish the
8 wherewithal for our system of public schools; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
10 Department of Education to establish an "Adopt a Classroom
11 Program"; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the "Adopt a Classroom Program" serve to
13 encourage business, community groups, institutions of higher
14 learning, labor organizations, local residents, service
15 organizations and social clubs to share their vast resources
16 with the students of this Commonwealth's public schools by
17 adopting a classroom; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Department of Education formulate
19 guidelines for school districts to follow when locally
20 implementing and operating an "Adopt a Classroom Program"; and
21 be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Department of Education publish and
23 distribute materials relative to the "Adopt a Classroom Program"
24 to school districts no later than July 1, 1999.