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OCTOBER 22, 2002

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of October 27 through November 3, 2002, as
2 "White Ribbons Against Pornography Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pornography presents youth with a false and
4 distorted image of human sexuality, devoid of love, commitment
5 and responsibility; and

6 WHEREAS, Much pornography features and promotes sexual
7 violence and other antisocial behavior in an era of increasing
8 sexual violence and an epidemic of sexually transmitted
9 diseases; and

10 WHEREAS, So-called "adult" pornography is commonly used by
11 pedophiles to desensitize children and break down their
12 resistance to sexual acts; and

13 WHEREAS, There are Federal and State obscenity laws against
14 illegal hard-core pornography to protect public safety, public
15 health and public morality; and

1 WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court has held that
2 obscenity is not protected speech under the First Amendment; and

3 WHEREAS, The exploitation and objectification of women and
4 children that is indicative of pornographic material must be
5 addressed. As a society of individuals, it is our responsibility
6 to exercise our rights and maintain the standards that we hold
7 dear; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
9 week of October 27 through November 3, 2002, as "White Ribbons
10 Against Pornography Week" in Pennsylvania and encourage the
11 display of white ribbons as symbols of support of the
12 enforcement of obscenity laws.