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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 13, 2006

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of March 19 through 25, 2006, as "National
2 Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, More than 1,000 different household and commercial
4 products, as close as under the kitchen sink or in a public
5 school classroom, can be abused as intoxicating inhalants and
6 inhalants can cause serious health problems and death, even with
7 first-time use; and

8 WHEREAS, Items such as air fresheners, cooking spray, markers
9 and glue are being used by young people to induce a euphoric
10 feeling, or "high," by either sniffing the aerosol spray or by
11 inhaling, or "huffing," the product through the mouth, usually
12 from a cloth soaked with the substance; and

13 WHEREAS, Use of these items as inhalants can cause dizziness,
14 breathing difficulty, heart palpitations, headaches and damage
15 to the brain, nerve cells, heart and lungs; and

1 WHEREAS, Because these products are commonly used in
2 nonharmful ways, many young people and uninformed adults do not
3 believe that sniffing or huffing inhalants can harm users or
4 that users can become addicted to the high the products induce;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, According to a recent study, 9.1% of 8th graders,
7 6.6% of 10th graders and 4.5% of 12th graders reported using
8 inhalants; and

9 WHEREAS, Public education about the dangers imposed by use of
10 inhalants is the quickest and most effective way to eradicate
11 their use; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
13 week of March 19 through 25, 2006, as "National Inhalants and
14 Poisons Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.