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APRIL 3, 2006

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 2 through 8, 2006, as "National
2 Library Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, America's public, academic, school and specialized
4 libraries help people change the world; and

5 WHEREAS, Our nation's libraries play an integral role as
6 community, educational and cultural centers that bring together
7 diverse populations and serve as important cornerstones in
8 healthy communities; and

1 WHEREAS, Two-thirds of adult Americans, approximately 135
2 million people, visited their local public libraries last year;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, In 2005, the National Center for Education
5 Statistics published a report revealing that total visits to
6 public libraries nationwide approached 1.3 billion, or 4.6
7 visits per capita, in the 2003-2004 fiscal year; and

8 WHEREAS, Libraries are a cost-effective means of providing
9 education, training and the opportunity for self-improvement to
10 all individuals without regard to age, race, income or
11 socioeconomic background; and

12 WHEREAS, Libraries play a unique role in ensuring the
13 public's right to know and empowering people from all walks of
14 life to make informed decisions about the world around them; and

15 WHEREAS, A 2006 American Library Association survey found
16 that 85% of respondents believe libraries and librarians play an
17 essential role in our democracy and are needed now more than
18 ever; and

19 WHEREAS, Libraries are a key player in the national discourse
20 on intellectual freedom, equity of access and narrowing the
21 digital divide; and

22 WHEREAS, Libraries are a vital connection to the people,
23 places and ideas of the world through books, magazines, videos
24 and the Internet; and

25 WHEREAS, Currently 98.9% of public libraries provide free
26 Internet access, making them the preeminent source of Internet
27 access for people without computers at home, school or work; and

28 WHEREAS, Libraries are dynamic places with a variety of
29 activities that provide free, safe and enriching entertainment
30 for the whole family; and

1 WHEREAS, Public awareness and support for libraries,
2 librarians and library workers may be increased by raising their
3 visibility in a positive context and by communicating clearly
4 and strongly why libraries are and will remain a unique and
5 valuable tool for Americans now and in the future; and

6 WHEREAS, Thousands of libraries and library supporters across
7 the nation are celebrating "National Library Week" this year;
8 therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
10 week of April 2 through 8, 2006, as "National Library Week" in
11 Pennsylvania and encourage all residents of this Commonwealth to
12 explore the wide variety of cultural and educational riches that
13 libraries hold.