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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MAHONEY AND PARKER, OCTOBER 23, 2007

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 24, 2007, as "United Nations Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The United Nations has a distinguished history of  
4 rising above politics, religion and other divisive ideologies  
5 which have been the source of war, hatred and inhumanity; and

6 WHEREAS, Sixty-two years ago the United Nations was formally  
7 established on October 24, 1945, less than two months after the  
8 end of World War II; and

9 WHEREAS, The United Nations was formed to end violence,  
10 promote tolerance, advance development, ensure equality, protect  
11 human rights and end poverty; and

12 WHEREAS, President Harry Truman was the first president to  
13 issue a proclamation asking Americans to observe United Nations  
14 Day; and

15 WHEREAS, The United Nations is an instrument through which  
16 nations can identify common problems, set international

1 standards and take action; and

2 WHEREAS, Today the United Nations has 192 member states; and

3 WHEREAS, Former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan

4 said during the 2006 United Nations Day celebrations that

5 recognizing this special day is energizing for individuals and

6 that they can "stop for a moment and realize how thrilling it is

7 to work alongside people from every corner of the world share

8 the goals of the Charter"; and

9 WHEREAS, H.E. Dr. Srgjan Kerim was elected President of the

10 62nd session of the United Nations General Assembly on May 24,

11 2007; and

12 WHEREAS, The United Nations has been successful in bringing

13 attention to hunger, poverty, human immunodeficiency virus and

14 AIDS, genocide, hate crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against

15 humanity; and

16 WHEREAS, The United Nations has expanded its issues to

17 include climate change as well as a global counter-terrorism

18 strategy; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October

20 24, 2007, as "United Nations Day" in Pennsylvania.