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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 11, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 13 through 19, 2008, as "National
2 Library Week" in Pennsylvania, and congratulating the
3 American Library Association on its celebration of the 50th
4 anniversary of National Library Week.

5 WHEREAS, The American Library Association (ALA) annually
6 designates a week in April as a national observance to celebrate
7 the contributions of this nation's libraries, librarians and
8 library workers to their communities and to promote library use
9 and support; and

10 WHEREAS, This year, the ALA will be celebrating the 50th
11 anniversary of National Library Week, which was first sponsored
12 in 1958; and

1 WHEREAS, Each year, participants include all types of
2 libraries across the country, including school, public, academic
3 and special libraries; and

4 WHEREAS, This year's theme is "Join the circle of knowledge @
5 your library," as citizens of all ages are being encouraged to
6 find out how they can join the circle of knowledge by visiting
7 their local library; and

8 WHEREAS, America's libraries are vital institutions and
9 dynamic centers of lifelong learning that play a unique role in
10 ensuring the public's right to know and empowering people from
11 all walks of life to make informed decisions about the world
12 around them; and

13 WHEREAS, Libraries play an integral role as community,
14 educational and cultural centers that bring together diverse
15 populations and serve as important cornerstones in healthy
16 communities; and

17 WHEREAS, Libraries have the most recent ideas and information
18 available on subjects and are a cost-effective means of
19 providing education, training and the opportunity for self-
20 improvement to all individuals without regard to age, race,
21 income or socioeconomic background; and

22 WHEREAS, As vital connections to the people, places and ideas
23 of the world through books, magazines, videos and the Internet,
24 libraries are the primary point of online access for people
25 without computers at home, school or work; and

26 WHEREAS, Libraries provide indispensable educational
27 resources for children and teenagers, plenty of free activities,
28 as well as safe, enriching entertainment for the whole family;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, Librarians and library workers play key roles in

1 helping people explore, imagine and discover new horizons in the
2 vast world of information, knowledge and entertainment; and

3 WHEREAS, Two-thirds of adult Americans visit their local
4 public libraries annually, with more than a billion visits made
5 each year by adults, and likewise by students to their school
6 libraries; and

7 WHEREAS, America's libraries play a key role in the national
8 discourse on intellectual freedom, equity of access and
9 narrowing the digital divide and are the cornerstone of our
10 democracy; and

11 WHEREAS, Thousands of libraries and library supporters across
12 the nation are celebrating "National Library Week" this year;
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
15 week of April 13 through 19, 2008, as "National Library Week" in
16 Pennsylvania, and encourage all citizens of this Commonwealth to
17 visit their local library and explore the wide variety of
18 cultural and educational riches that libraries hold; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize this
21 nation's librarians, library workers and supporters for their
22 contributions to their communities, and congratulate the
23 American Library Association on the occasion of the 50th
24 anniversary of National Library Week; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
26 the National Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago,
27 IL 60611.