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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 708 Session of  
2008

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MOYER, MUNDY, MURT, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, QUINN, RAMALEY,  
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SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, SONNEY, THOMAS, TRUE,  
VULAKOVICH, WATSON, WHEATLEY, J. WHITE AND YOUNGBLOOD,  
APRIL 9, 2008

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 9, 2008

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2008 as "Science: It's Elementary  
2 Showcase of Student Learning Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, During the month of May 2008, school districts  
4 across this Commonwealth will be participating in the program  
5 Science: It's Elementary Showcases of Student Learning; and

6 WHEREAS, Students will showcase scientific discovery and  
7 actively engage parents, teachers, community members and  
8 legislators with investigations from the Science: It's  
9 Elementary modules that highlight important science concepts  
10 sparked by hands-on, inquiry-based learning; and

11 WHEREAS, Through a \$13.5 million appropriation in the fiscal  
12 year 2007-2008 State budget, the Department of Education is  
13 partnering with Achieving Student Success Through Excellence in

1 Teaching Incorporated (ASSET) to provide teacher-professional  
2 development for 2,600 teachers, impacting nearly 59,000 students  
3 in 120 school districts across 47 counties throughout this  
4 Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, Because of the partnership between ASSET,  
6 Incorporated and the Department of Education, elementary school  
7 students are learning science through the best education  
8 practices which are delivered by highly dedicated and qualified  
9 educators who have participated in ASSET Incorporated's rigorous  
10 professional development program; and

11 WHEREAS, Since its establishment in 1994, ASSET Incorporated  
12 has directly impacted more than 1,800 teachers and 125,000  
13 students annually in approximately 40 school districts and  
14 charter and private schools in western Pennsylvania; and

15 WHEREAS, ASSET, Incorporated has bridged school districts in  
16 western Pennsylvania and across this Commonwealth with quality  
17 educational opportunities by bringing together governmental  
18 agencies, corporations, foundations and universities in support  
19 of science education reform; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
21 outstanding contributions of the science education reform  
22 initiative, Science: It's Elementary and recognize the month of  
23 May 2008 as "Science: It's Elementary Showcase of Student  
24 Learning Month" in Pennsylvania.