

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 136 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY COHEN, KAUFFMAN, BAKER, BISHOP, BOYD, BRENNAN, BROWN, D. COSTA, FAIRCHILD, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, HESS, HORNAMAN, KIRKLAND, MELIO, MICOZZIE, MILLER, MURT, MUSTIO, MYERS, PARKER, PHILLIPS, PYLE, ROCK, SIPTROTH, SWANGER, J. TAYLOR, WALKO, YOUNGBLOOD AND D. O'BRIEN, MARCH 10, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, MARCH 10, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing opposition of the House of Representatives to the
2 closing of the Scotland School for Veterans' Children.

3 WHEREAS, For more than 110 years, the Scotland School for
4 Veterans' Children has adhered to its mission of offering a
5 quality education, while driving students to achieve their full
6 potential and provide them with lifelong opportunities; and

7 WHEREAS, The Scotland School for Veterans' Children's budget
8 is primarily funded by the State, but the Governor's proposed
9 budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 contains no State money for
10 Scotland School for Veterans' Children, resulting in the
11 announcement that the school will close in June 2009; and

12 WHEREAS, The Scotland School for Veterans' Children, a
13 residential boarding school, provides a well-rounded and
14 nurturing environment for children of military families, with
15 educational guidance, a balance of academics and a wide array of
16 extracurricular activities; and

1 WHEREAS, The Scotland School for Veterans' Children is
2 accredited and provides students with a wide range of career
3 opportunities, as well as preparation for college, with more
4 than 85% of graduating seniors moving on to a two-year or four-
5 year college; and

6 WHEREAS, With two active wars currently being fought and the
7 presence of the United States Armed Forces stationed all over
8 the world, many future veterans will have family members who
9 will benefit from the Scotland School for Veterans' Children;
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives strongly oppose
12 the closing of the Scotland School for Veterans' Children and
13 call upon Governor Rendell and the Department of Military and
14 Veterans Affairs to provide that the Scotland School for
15 Veterans' Children may continue to receive State funding and not
16 only remain open for years to come, but to expand its programs
17 to serve more children; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
19 the Honorable Edward G. Rendell, Governor, and Major General
20 Jessica L. Wright, Adjutant General.