

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, DECEMBER 4, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Lost Boys of Sudan for their tireless courage and
2 pioneering efforts in raising awareness and working toward
3 ending 21st Century slavery in their homeland of Sudan and
4 around the world.

5 WHEREAS, The Lost Boys of Sudan were forced to flee their
6 homes as children after the murder of their parents, the
7 destruction of their villages and the capture and sale of
8 relatives and siblings into slavery by government and other
9 Islamic forces from Northern Sudan; and

10 WHEREAS, The Lost Boys were forced to walk thousands of miles
11 to reach safety in refugee camps, first in Ethiopia and then
12 later in Kenya; and

13 WHEREAS, Many of the Lost Boys, some as young as five years
14 of age and none older than 13 years of age, were either killed

1 on their trek to freedom by hostile armed forces, lions or
2 crocodiles or perished from starvation; and

3 WHEREAS, Only 10,000 of the estimated original 30,000 Lost
4 Boys of Sudan survived the death-defying pilgrimage to freedom;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Many of the Lost Boys of Sudan were granted
7 permission to immigrate to the United States where they have
8 obtained jobs and educations and have become productive members
9 of American society; and

10 WHEREAS, Despite their successful integration in the United
11 States, the Lost Boys of Sudan continue their efforts to assist
12 their people still struggling to survive in Southern Sudan; and

13 WHEREAS, The Lost Boys of Sudan have in particular devoted
14 themselves to fighting the ongoing evil of the slave trade,
15 which continues to be widespread in Southern Sudan; and

16 WHEREAS, To continue these efforts, the Lost Boys of Sudan
17 have joined together to establish a nonprofit group, known as
18 Lost Boys Rebuilding Southern Sudan, which has helped to
19 transform the lives of thousands of Lost Boys; and

20 WHEREAS, Lost Boys Rebuilding Southern Sudan continues the
21 fight to suppress and end slavery in Southern Sudan and the Horn
22 of Africa; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the Lost
24 Boys of Sudan for their tireless courage and pioneering efforts
25 in raising awareness and working toward ending 21st Century
26 slavery in their homeland of Sudan and around the world.