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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 635 Session of  
2010

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INTRODUCED BY MURT, HARKINS, ADOLPH, BAKER, BEAR, BEYER,  
BRADFORD, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, DIGIROLAMO,  
EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GABLER, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH,  
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KNOWLES, KRIEGER, MAJOR, MARSICO, MELIO, MILLARD, OBERLANDER,  
D. O'BRIEN, PALLONE, PHILLIPS, READSHAW, ROHRER, ROSS,  
SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SONNEY, STERN, SWANGER, TALLMAN, THOMAS,  
TRUE, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WATERS AND WATSON, FEBRUARY 22, 2010

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
FEBRUARY 22, 2010

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2010 as "Gambling Addiction  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Problem gambling is gambling behavior that causes  
4 disruption in any major area of life and includes the condition  
5 known as "pathological" or "compulsive" gambling; and

6 WHEREAS, Gambling addiction is a progressive addiction  
7 characterized by increasing preoccupation with gambling, a need  
8 to bet more and more money, restlessness or irritability when  
9 attempting to stop, increased frequency of gambling and loss of  
10 control manifested by continuation of the gambling behavior in  
11 spite of mounting serious, negative consequences; and

12 WHEREAS, Recently enacted gambling legislation in  
13 Pennsylvania allows table games to become a part of the  
14 landscape of this Commonwealth and makes gambling addiction

1 among its residents a possibility and likelihood; and

2 WHEREAS, There are useful organizations and counseling  
3 therapists available to help persons overcome gambling addiction  
4 and restore stability to their lives; and

5 WHEREAS, Awareness of gambling addiction and the availability  
6 of treatment programs will help to mitigate problems that might  
7 arise as a result of the allowance of table games in  
8 Pennsylvania; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
10 month of March 2010 as "Gambling Addiction Awareness Month" in  
11 Pennsylvania.