

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 25, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 26, 2010, as "National Healthy Schools Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National Healthy Schools Day" observances in
4 communities nationwide highlight the impact of school facilities
5 and the school environment on child health, development and
6 academic achievement; and

7 WHEREAS, A healthy learning environment heightens student
8 attendance and student performance; and

9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is committed to the health of all
10 students in public school districts, charter schools,
11 intermediate units, career and technical education schools and
12 area vocational-technical schools; and

1 WHEREAS, The Department of Education, the Department of
2 Health and other State agencies promote healthy schools policies
3 in cooperation with school officials and community partners; and

4 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has implemented guidelines to
5 prevent or resolve indoor air quality problems in public school
6 facilities, where young children and children with special needs
7 are especially vulnerable to toxic mold and chemical exposure,
8 which can affect their development, cause upper respiratory
9 illnesses and contribute to learning disabilities; and

10 WHEREAS, Indoor air quality can also affect attendance,
11 concentration and performance by both children and teachers who
12 normally spend between 30 to 50 hours each week in school
13 buildings; and

14 WHEREAS, A goal of "National Healthy Schools Day" is to raise
15 awareness regarding air quality in our schools and to encourage
16 schools to improve air quality by providing better ventilation,
17 maintenance and cleaning of heating, ventilation and air
18 conditioning systems and by using nontoxic cleaning products;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, "National Healthy Schools Day" is the first day of
21 "School Building Week," April 26 through April 30, 2010;
22 therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April
24 26, 2010, as "National Healthy Schools Day" in Pennsylvania.