

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 10, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Proclaiming the month of May 2011 as "National Drug Treatment
2 Court Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Drug treatment courts provide the focus and
4 leadership for communitywide, antidrug systems, bringing
5 together criminal justice, treatment, education and other
6 community partners in the fight against drug abuse and
7 criminality; and

8 WHEREAS, Drug treatment court programs combine intensive
9 judicial supervision, mandatory substance abuse treatment and
10 drug testing, escalating sanctions and incentives and offender
11 accountability in order to break the cycle of drug addiction,
12 reduce recidivism and promote public safety; and

13 WHEREAS, The judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys,
14 treatment professionals, law enforcement and corrections
15 personnel, researchers and educators, national and community
16 leaders and others dedicated to the movement have had a profound

1 impact through hard work and commitment to their communities;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The drug treatment court movement has grown
4 nationwide from 12 courts in 1994 to more than 2,200 drug courts
5 that are in operation or in the planning stages; and

6 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives supports the monumental
7 accomplishments of the Philadelphia Treatment Court, the first
8 established in this Commonwealth in 1997, and to date, the
9 Philadelphia Treatment Court has accepted more than 2,800
10 participants and credits 1,697 individuals with successfully
11 completing the intensive program; and

12 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes that the
13 Philadelphia Treatment Court has received the national
14 distinction as a Mentor Court from the United States Department
15 of Justice, 1 of only 30 mentor courts in the country; and

16 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Treatment Court has hosted national
17 and international dignitaries, judges and court staff; therefore
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives proclaim the
20 month of May 2011 as "National Drug Treatment Court Month" in
21 Pennsylvania, recognizing the practitioners and participants who
22 make drug treatment courts work and the significant
23 contributions that drug treatment courts have made and continue
24 to make in reducing drug usage and crime.