THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 532 Session of 2012

INTRODUCED BY STERN, BAKER, BROOKS, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, COHEN, D. COSTA, DiGIROLAMO, EVERETT, FLECK, GEIST, GEORGE, GRELL, HARHAI, HARHART, HESS, HICKERNELL, KORTZ, KRIEGER, KULA, LONGIETTI, MAJOR, MILLARD, MILLER, MURT, MUSTIO, O'NEILL, QUINN, READSHAW, ROCK, ROSS, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SONNEY, SWANGER, TALLMAN, THOMAS, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WATSON, MANN, PICKETT, KILLION, CULVER AND GINGRICH, JANUARY 18, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY 18, 2012

A RESOLUTION

Designating January 2012 as "School Director Recognition Month" 1 in Pennsylvania. 2 3 WHEREAS, Local school districts and their governing boards 4 were established by the General Assembly more than 150 years 5 ago; and 6 WHEREAS, Public education is the only public service mandated 7 by the Constitution of Pennsylvania; and 8 WHEREAS, School board members govern individual school 9 districts, establish local policies, approve educational 10 programs, provide necessary physical facilities, hire properly 11 certified professional and classified employees and share in 12 costs by raising necessary local funds used along with State 13 funds to operate district educational programs; and 14 WHEREAS, Being an effective school director is no easy task, 15 particularly in the current climate of school change; and

1 WHEREAS, Today's lay school leaders need to be knowledgeable 2 about many complex educational and social issues; and 3 WHEREAS, School board service is perhaps the purest form of 4 grass roots democratic principles upon which our republic was 5 founded; and

6 WHEREAS, Local public school directors are dedicated, 7 educated, responsible citizens who carry out the truest form of 8 representative government in our democracy, volunteer public 9 service; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the 11 month of January 2012 as "School Director Recognition Month" in 12 Pennsylvania; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately 14 transmitted to the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.