THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 745

Session of 2014

INTRODUCED BY MACKENZIE, BAKER, BISHOP, BOBACK, V. BROWN, BROWNLEE, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, DELUCA, DENLINGER, DIGIROLAMO, EMRICK, FREEMAN, GABLER, GILLEN, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRELL, HARHART, HEFFLEY, HENNESSEY, KINSEY, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, KOTIK, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MARSICO, MATZIE, McGEEHAN, MILLARD, MIRABITO, MURT, O'NEILL, PICKETT, READSHAW, ROCK, ROSS, SCHLOSSBERG, SONNEY, THOMAS, VEREB AND YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 31, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 31, 2014

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the month of April 2014 as "Child Identity Theft 2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, According to the United States Postal Inspection
- 4 Service, identity theft is America's fastest growing crime; and
- 5 WHEREAS, According to the United States Postal Inspection
- 6 Service, 9.9 million Americans were victims of identity theft in
- 7 2011; and
- 8 WHEREAS, According to the United States Postal Inspection
- 9 Service, losses incurred by Americans victimized by identity
- 10 theft totaled approximately \$5 billion in 2011; and
- 11 WHEREAS, More than 140,000 children are victims of identity
- 12 theft annually in the United States according to a study
- 13 conducted by ID Analytics; and
- 14 WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission testified before

- 1 Congress that child identity theft is especially pernicious
- 2 because the theft may not be detected until the child becomes an
- 3 adult and seeks employment or applies for a student or car loan;
- 4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, According to the Federal Trade Commission, an
- 6 identity thief may steal a child's personal identifying
- 7 information to get a job, government benefits, medical care,
- 8 utilities, car loans or a mortgage; and
- 9 WHEREAS, According to the Federal Trade Commission, misuse of
- 10 Social Security numbers can occur in cases where the victim is
- 11 as young as 14 years of age; therefore be it
- 12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
- 13 month of April 2014 as "Child Identity Theft Awareness Month" in
- 14 Pennsylvania.