
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2017

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AND FREEMAN, JANUARY 23, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 23, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of January 2017 as "National Mentoring
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Mentoring is a proven youth development strategy
4 that matches children and young adults with a caring,
5 responsible adult who can provide guidance and direction and
6 build trust; and

7 WHEREAS, The Mentoring Partnership & Resource Center and the
8 Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern Pennsylvania have earned
9 recognition for promoting mentoring opportunities in this
10 Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, These organizations provide resources, training and
12 technical assistance necessary for public, private and nonprofit
13 mentoring-focused organizations to administer effective, high-
14 quality practices for the benefit of children and youths in our
15 communities; and

1 WHEREAS, Mentors are friends, role models, teachers and
2 sources of stability and support during a critical time in a
3 child's life, encouraging character development, promoting
4 successful educational and career outcomes, boosting confidence,
5 lifting expectations and inspiring young people to do their
6 best; and

7 WHEREAS, Research has shown the beneficial long-term effects
8 of mentoring in increasing academic engagement and decreasing
9 the likelihood of substance abuse and other risky behaviors; and

10 WHEREAS, Mentoring further strengthens the economic and
11 social well-being of this Commonwealth by enabling young people
12 to fulfill their potential while pursuing healthy family
13 relationships and active community involvement; and

14 WHEREAS, With the support of many private and public sector
15 organizations that participate in mentoring, residents of this
16 Commonwealth are making a profound difference in the lives of
17 young people every day through their service as mentors; and

18 WHEREAS, Thousands of children in this Commonwealth need a
19 caring adult mentor in their lives; and

20 WHEREAS, Closing the existing mentoring gap requires more
21 investment, partnerships and volunteers who are ready to make a
22 difference in a child's life; and

23 WHEREAS, "National Mentoring Month" is an opportunity to
24 raise public awareness of the importance of mentoring,
25 acknowledge the dedicated individuals who serve as mentors and
26 encourage wider involvement in building a brighter future for
27 children and youths through mentoring; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
29 month of January 2017 as "National Mentoring Month" in
30 Pennsylvania.