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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 24 through 30, 2017, as  
2 "Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative Programs Week" in  
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's array of public and private service  
5 providers have continued to evolve in response to juvenile  
6 justice system reform efforts by improving the quality of  
7 service delivery and simultaneously striving to ensure the  
8 protection of our communities; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania service providers have adapted to  
10 serving low-risk to moderate-risk youths within the community  
11 and moderate-risk to high-risk youths in residential programs;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania service providers offer uniquely  
14 designed programs to all 67 counties of this Commonwealth to  
15 address the individualized needs of specific populations; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania service providers offer an array of  
17 services, including secure detention, secure treatment,

1 institutional facilities, group homes, foster homes and  
2 community-based and in-home programming; and

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's juvenile detention centers and  
4 alternative programs, adhering to the Balanced and Restorative  
5 Justice Model, contribute to public safety by providing a stable  
6 environment for at-risk youths, providing education and  
7 programming and ensuring sufficient opportunities for growth and  
8 development of Pennsylvania's youths; and

9 WHEREAS, Juvenile detention centers and alternative programs  
10 ensure every child's health and well-being by providing  
11 competency development, self-discipline and stabilization  
12 through comprehensive physical and behavioral health evaluations  
13 as well as community involvement; and

14 WHEREAS, Thousands of men and women are dedicated to ensuring  
15 the proper care and supervision of youths and are committed to  
16 the protection of Pennsylvania's communities; and

17 WHEREAS, Youth care workers in Pennsylvania detention centers  
18 and alternative programs stand ready on a daily basis to respond  
19 to youths who display an array of unresolved mental health,  
20 behavioral, educational and emotional issues; and

21 WHEREAS, The Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative  
22 Programs, an affiliate of the County Commissioners Association  
23 of Pennsylvania, is an association of Pennsylvania service  
24 providers that acts as a key resource for these service  
25 providers offering education, representation and support for the  
26 important services they provide; and

27 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's juvenile justice service providers in  
28 coordination with the Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative  
29 Programs merit one week of recognition for their unending  
30 services aimed at protecting our communities and assisting

1 Pennsylvania's youths; therefore be it

2       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
3 week of September 24 through 30, 2017 as "Juvenile Detention  
4 Centers and Alternative Programs Week" in Pennsylvania.