

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 327 Session of
1998

INTRODUCED BY RUBLEY, FEESE, THOMAS, READSHAW, FLICK, ARGALL, LAUGHLIN, DeWEESE, McGILL, McCALL, HESS, SANTONI, SCHRODER, ITKIN, SATHER, GEORGE, BARD, COY, CORRIGAN, BUXTON, MILLER, CALTAGIRONE, GEIST, BENNINGHOFF, COWELL, GORDNER, ROHRER, ROSS, PETRONE, PISTELLA, HALUSKA, GODSHALL, BOSCOLA, OLASZ, HARHART, TANGRETTI, BUNT, BAKER, PESCI, TIGUE, BELFANTI, MARSICO, DONATUCCI, TRAVAGLIO, DEMPSEY, HERMAN, HENNESSEY, McNAUGHTON, SHANER, DRUCE, CAPPABIANCA, COLAFELLA, YOUNGBLOOD, LESCOVITZ, FICHTER, SCHULER, ROONEY, STABACK, B. SMITH, SCRIMENTI, SAINATO, MANDERINO, ZUG, WOJNAROSKI, PIPPY, PLATTS, CORPORA, WALKO, E. Z. TAYLOR, RAYMOND, SAYLOR, MELIO, RAMOS, TRUE, BEBKO-JONES, COLAIZZO, EGOLF, ORIE, TRELLO, DENT, FAIRCHILD, BROWN, DeLUCA, GIGLIOTTI, JOSEPHS, BROWNE, ADOLPH, ROBERTS, KIRKLAND, L. I. COHEN, DALLY, BARRAR, ROEBUCK, STEELMAN, HORSEY, LEDERER, SEYFERT, KENNEY AND JAMES, JANUARY 27, 1998

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 27, 1998

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring the week of February 8 through 14, 1998, as "Child
2 Passenger Safety Week."

3 WHEREAS, More children in the United States are killed and
4 crippled in car crashes than from any other cause of injury; and

5 WHEREAS, Each year about 600 to 700 children five years of
6 age or younger are killed and about 89,000 are injured as
7 passengers in car crashes; and

8 WHEREAS, According to the National Highway Traffic Safety
9 Administration (NHTSA), child safety seats, when correctly used,
10 can reduce fatalities among children five years of age or

1 younger by 71%, one of the most effective safety innovations
2 ever developed; and

3 WHEREAS, Safety seat use among children involved in fatal
4 crashes is very low, as many as 40% are unrestrained; and

5 WHEREAS, Due to a combination of nonuse and misuse, child
6 safety seats are not currently saving as many lives as they
7 should be; and

8 WHEREAS, If child safety seats were properly used by all
9 children five years of age or younger, several hundred lives
10 could be saved each year; and

11 WHEREAS, All 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico
12 and the United States Territories have enacted laws requiring
13 the use of child passenger protection systems; and

14 WHEREAS, Many child passenger safety seats are misused in
15 some way and correct placement and harnessing is critical to
16 ensure adequate protection; and

17 WHEREAS, Death and injury may be significantly reduced
18 through greater public awareness, information, education and
19 enforcement of child passenger safety seat laws; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, in recognition
21 of every child's right to adequate protection when being
22 transported in a motor vehicle, proclaim the week of February 8
23 through 14, 1998, as "Child Passenger Safety Week."