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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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FLEAGLE, HERSHEY AND CORRIGAN, APRIL 30, 2001

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 30, 2001

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 30 through May 6, 2001, as  
2 "Chastity Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Chastity promotes sexual self-control, self-esteem  
4 and self-respect, regardless of previous sexual behavior; and

5 WHEREAS, Chastity places sexual intercourse within the  
6 context of marriage; and

7 WHEREAS, Teenage pregnancy outside of marriage is a  
8 continuing problem in our society; and

9 WHEREAS, Each year 1 million teenagers become pregnant, with  
10 about 70% of these teenage mothers being unmarried and more than  
11 40% of them being school dropouts; and

12 WHEREAS, Abstaining from sexual activity is the only certain  
13 way to avoid out-of-wedlock pregnancy, sexually transmitted  
14 diseases and related emotional trauma; and

15 WHEREAS, "Chastity Day" presentations have been delivered for

1 numerous schools and youth groups, with an annual attendance of  
2 over 10,000 participants; and

3 WHEREAS, Presentations are made by members of the Chastity  
4 Education Network under the Family Life Educational Foundation,  
5 experienced chastity educators and teens who provide peer  
6 testimony; and

7 WHEREAS, Parent meetings are held to encourage the discussion  
8 of chastity in the home setting; and

9 WHEREAS, Chastity education emphasizes the powerful effect  
10 that alcohol and drug use have in increasing vulnerability to  
11 sexual advances and preventing good decision making; therefore  
12 be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
14 week of April 30 through May 6, 2001, as "Chastity Awareness  
15 Week" in Pennsylvania and encourage participation in "Chastity  
16 Day" presentations for schools and youth groups; and be it  
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
19 the Family Life Educational Foundation.