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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2003

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2003 as "Fire Prevention Month"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, More than 3,000 fire deaths occur nationally every  
4 year, more than 80% of them in the home; and

5 WHEREAS, Smoke and poisonous gases, the leading causes of  
6 fire deaths, often kill before flames kill; and

7 WHEREAS, The fire services of this Commonwealth are dedicated  
8 to protecting life and property from the devastating effects of  
9 fire; and

10 WHEREAS, Private citizens, businesses, schools, service clubs

1 and other organizations often cooperate in fire safety and  
2 prevention efforts; and

3 WHEREAS, Recognition of the value of combining technology and  
4 education to help reduce injuries and deaths from fire is  
5 critical; and

6 WHEREAS, Smoke alarm technology is a proven lifesaver,  
7 cutting the risk of dying in a home fire nearly in half; and

8 WHEREAS, A hasty escape from fire cuts the risk of dying even  
9 more; and

10 WHEREAS, Working smoke alarms and a home fire escape plan and  
11 drills are essential for every household in this Commonwealth;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Safe practices in the home can protect citizens as  
14 well as first responders; and

15 WHEREAS, This year's theme, "When Fire Strikes: Get Out! Stay  
16 Out!", underscores the message that because fire can grow and  
17 spread so quickly, fire safety preparedness is absolutely  
18 essential; and

19 WHEREAS, "Fire Prevention Month" commemorates the devastating  
20 Great Chicago Fire of 1871 and educates the public about the  
21 necessary steps to prevent fires; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives shall hereby  
23 designate the month of October 2003 as "Fire Prevention Month"  
24 in Pennsylvania and call upon the people of this Commonwealth to  
25 participate in fire prevention activities at home, work and  
26 school and follow fire safety precautions to prevent fires and  
27 avert fire-related deaths and injuries.