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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Observing the week of March 18 through 24, 2007, as "National  
2 Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, More than 1,000 different household and commercial  
4 products, as close as under the kitchen sink or in a public  
5 school classroom, can be abused as intoxicating inhalants and  
6 inhalants can cause serious health problems and death, even with  
7 first-time use; and

8 WHEREAS, Items such as air fresheners, cooking spray, markers  
9 and glue are being used by young people to induce a euphoric  
10 feeling, or "high," by either sniffing the aerosol spray or by  
11 inhaling, or "huffing," the product through the mouth, usually  
12 from a cloth soaked with the substance; and

13 WHEREAS, Use of these items as inhalants can cause dizziness,  
14 breathing difficulty, heart palpitations, headaches and damage  
15 to the brain, nerve cells, heart and lungs; and

16 WHEREAS, Because these products are commonly used in  
17 nonharmful ways, many young people and uninformed adults do not

1 believe that sniffing or huffing inhalants can harm users or  
2 that users can become addicted to the high the products induce;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, According to a recent study, 9.1% of 8th graders,  
5 6.6% of 10th graders and 4.5% of 12th graders reported using  
6 inhalants; and

7 WHEREAS, Public education about the dangers imposed by use of  
8 inhalants is the quickest and most effective way to eradicate  
9 their use; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the people  
11 of this Commonwealth to join in observing the week of March 18  
12 through 24, 2007, as "National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness  
13 Week" in Pennsylvania.