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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 2, 2008

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 28, 2008, as "National Healthy Schools Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National Healthy Schools Day" observances in  
4 communities nationwide highlight the impact of school facilities  
5 and the school environment on child health, development and  
6 academic achievement; and

7 WHEREAS, A healthy learning environment heightens student  
8 attendance and student performance; and

9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is committed to the health of all  
10 students in public school districts, charter schools,  
11 intermediate units, career and technical education schools and

1 area vocational-technical schools; and

2 WHEREAS, The Department of Education, the Department of  
3 Health and other State agencies promote healthy schools policies  
4 in cooperation with school officials and community partners; and

5 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has implemented guidelines to  
6 prevent or resolve indoor air quality problems in public school  
7 facilities, where young children and children with special needs  
8 are especially vulnerable to toxic mold and chemical exposure,  
9 which can affect their development, cause upper respiratory  
10 illnesses and contribute to learning disabilities; and

11 WHEREAS, Indoor air quality can also affect attendance,  
12 concentration and performance by both children and teachers, who  
13 normally spend between 30 to 50 hours each week in school  
14 buildings; and

15 WHEREAS, A goal of "National Healthy Schools Day" is to raise  
16 awareness regarding air quality in our schools and to encourage  
17 schools to improve air quality by providing better ventilation,  
18 maintenance and cleaning of heating, ventilation and air  
19 conditioning systems and by using nontoxic cleaning products;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, "National Healthy Schools Day" is the first day of  
22 "School Building Week," April 28 through May 2, 2008; therefore  
23 be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April  
25 28, 2008, as "National Healthy Schools Day" in Pennsylvania.