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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 4 through 10, 2008, as "National  
2 Charter Schools Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The 126 charter schools in this Commonwealth and  
4 their nearly 64,000 students are leading an educational  
5 revolution, bringing new perspectives and innovative ideas to  
6 education; and

7 WHEREAS, Charter schools are exciting and innovative schools  
8 that are changing and improving educational opportunities in  
9 this Commonwealth and across the nation by giving parents more  
10 choices in their children's education; and

11 WHEREAS, Communities oversee charter public schools, thereby  
12 empowering parents, teachers and communities to custom-design  
13 unique educational programs to increase student achievement and  
14 meet the specific needs of students; and

15 WHEREAS, Charter public schools encourage competition and are  
16 accountable to the localities that establish them in order to

1 foster innovation and serve as models for other public schools;  
2 therefore be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
4 week of May 4 through 10, 2008, as "National Charter Schools  
5 Week" in Pennsylvania in proud celebration of these innovative  
6 schools and urge parents, teachers, students and communities to  
7 support the charter public schools in this Commonwealth.