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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 12, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 25, 2008, as "National Missing Children's Day"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Between 1979 and 1981, a series of high-profile
4 missing children cases became national headlines; and

5 WHEREAS, Three such cases contributed to the shock of the
6 nation's consciousness, bringing attention to the seriousness of
7 child victimization and forever changing the response by law
8 enforcement agencies to reports of missing children; and

9 WHEREAS, The massive search and media attention that followed
10 the disappearance of Etan Patz in 1979 focused the nation's
11 attention on the problem of child abduction and lack of plans to
12 address it; and

1 WHEREAS, From 1979 through 1981, national media attention was
2 focused on Atlanta, Georgia, where 29 bodies of young boys and
3 girls were discovered in lakes, marshes and ponds along roadside
4 trails; and

5 WHEREAS, On July 27, 1981, 6-year-old Adam Walsh disappeared
6 from a Florida shopping mall; and

7 WHEREAS, The tragedies of these children and others exposed a
8 fundamental flaw; and

9 WHEREAS, There was no coordinated effort among Federal, state
10 and local law enforcement, no national response system in place
11 and no central resource to help searching families; and

12 WHEREAS, The momentum that began with the disappearance of
13 Etan, Adam and the 29 missing and murdered children of Atlanta,
14 Georgia, led to photographs of missing children on milk cartons
15 and, ultimately, a nationwide movement; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 25
17 as "National Missing Children's Day"; and

18 WHEREAS, "National Missing Children's Day" is a reminder to
19 all parents and guardians of the need for high-quality
20 photographs of their children for use in case of an emergency
21 and for the need for everyone to pay close attention to the
22 posters and photographs of missing children; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 25,
24 2008, as "National Missing Children's Day" in Pennsylvania.