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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 8, 2008

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the 12 public and private schools recognized by the  
2 Federal Department of Education's No Child Left Behind - Blue  
3 Ribbon Schools Program in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Since 1982, the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Program  
5 has honored many of this nation's most successful schools; and

6 WHEREAS, For the past 26 years, this prestigious program has  
7 honored more than 5,800 of this nation's most successful  
8 schools; and

9 WHEREAS, The NCLB - Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public  
10 and private elementary, middle and high schools that are either  
11 academically superior or that demonstrate dramatic gains in  
12 student achievement; and

13 WHEREAS, One-third of the schools nominated by each state  
14 have at least 40% of students from disadvantaged backgrounds who

1 have dramatically improved performance to high levels on state  
2 tests; and

3 WHEREAS, The schools that have been honored have students,  
4 regardless of background, who scored in the top 10% on state  
5 tests, or in the case of private schools, in the top 10% on  
6 national tests; and

7 WHEREAS, The 12 schools in this Commonwealth named to the  
8 2008 NCLB - Blue Ribbon Schools Program list are: Chadds Ford  
9 Elementary School, Harriet Child Elementary School, Conwell  
10 Russell Middle School, Home-Center Junior/Senior High School,  
11 George A. Ferrell Elementary School, Kingwood Elementary School,  
12 George Washington Carver High School of Engineering and Science,  
13 Manchester Academic Charter School, St. Aloysius Academy, St.  
14 John the Evangelist School, Seventh Street Elementary School and  
15 the South Abington Elementary School; and

16 WHEREAS, The Manchester Academic Charter School is the first  
17 charter school in the City of Pittsburgh to be included in this  
18 prestigious list; and

19 WHEREAS, The George Washington Carver High School of  
20 Engineering and Science in Philadelphia is the only four-year  
21 high school to make the list; and

22 WHEREAS, These 12 educational institutions will be honored at  
23 a ceremony in Washington, D.C., on October 20 and 21, 2008, when  
24 each school will receive a plaque and flag signifying its NCLB -  
25 Blue Ribbon School status; and

26 WHEREAS, The NCLB - Blue Ribbon Schools Program sets a high  
27 standard that should be a goal for all schools striving for high  
28 levels of achievement; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the staff,  
30 teachers, administrators, parents and students of the 12 public

- 1 and private schools that were recognized by the Federal
- 2 Department of Education's No Child Left Behind - Blue Ribbon
- 3 Schools Program in Pennsylvania.