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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 17, 2008, as "Child Passenger Safety Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Motor vehicle crashes remain the leading cause of  
4 death for children between three and fourteen years of age in  
5 the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control,  
7 203,000 child passengers were injured and 1,451 child passengers  
8 were killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2005; and

9 WHEREAS, According to an ongoing 10 year study by Partners  
10 for Child Passenger Safety (PCPS), a partnership which involves  
11 The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, State Farm Insurance  
12 Companies and the University of Pennsylvania, 48% of children  
13 between four and eight years of age are incorrectly restrained;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Safe Kids Pennsylvania found that almost 85% of  
16 children placed in booster seats are improperly restrained; and

17 WHEREAS, 60% of all children between four and eight years of

1 age are correctly restrained in booster seats; and

2 WHEREAS, Child restraint use in this Commonwealth has  
3 increased from 51% in 1999 to 79% in 2006; and

4 WHEREAS, The PCPS study is a scientific and systematic  
5 approach that seeks to determine how and why children are being  
6 killed or injured in motor vehicle crashes; and

7 WHEREAS, PCPS has created a database containing more than  
8 455,000 crashes involving 669,000 children, representing the  
9 largest source of data on children involved in motor vehicle  
10 crashes; and

11 WHEREAS, PCPS is the first academic-corporate partnership  
12 devoted to the safety of children in motor vehicles whose  
13 methodology combines in-depth telephone interviews, onsite crash  
14 investigations and computer crash simulations with  
15 interdisciplinary analysis and interpretation; and

16 WHEREAS, PCPS findings are published regularly in leading  
17 medical and engineering journals and presented at scientific  
18 conferences; and

19 WHEREAS, PCPS outreach to the automotive and restraint  
20 community, policymakers, legislators, public health educators  
21 and the media has improved child occupant safety; and

22 WHEREAS, The goal of PCPS is to share information about the  
23 unique safety needs of children and teenage drivers; and

24 WHEREAS, "Child Passenger Safety Day" turns research into  
25 action and is an excellent opportunity for parents to put their  
26 minds at ease by having a trained technician check their  
27 children's car seats and booster seats and provide potentially  
28 lifesaving information; and

29 WHEREAS, To spread the word of child passenger safety and how  
30 parents and guardians can better protect their children, State

1 Farm Insurance Companies have scheduled 30 free child safety  
2 seat checkpoints across this Commonwealth in 2008; therefore be  
3 it

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 17, 2008, as "Child  
5 Passenger Safety Day" in Pennsylvania.