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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY JOHNSON, BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, KIRKLAND, KORTZ,  
LONGIETTI, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY AND THOMAS, APRIL 22, 2010

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A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging cooperation among the Department of Public Welfare,  
2 the Department of Labor and Industry and the United States  
3 Department of Health and Human Services during the formation  
4 of the 2010 Subsidized Summer Youth Employment Program and  
5 the 2010 Subsidized Adult Employment Program.

6 WHEREAS, The recent economic difficulties have affected  
7 millions of Pennsylvanians and have left hundreds of thousands  
8 unemployed; and

9 WHEREAS, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009  
10 has provided Pennsylvania with \$359.7 million from the Temporary  
11 Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingency Fund  
12 that can be used toward employment subsidy, cash assistance or  
13 nonrecurring short-term benefits; and

14 WHEREAS, The availability of the TANF Emergency Contingency  
15 Fund revenue is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2010; and

16 WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives recently  
17 approved to extend this deadline by one year and the United  
18 States Senate is expected to act on the deadline extension at  
19 some point; and

1       WHEREAS, Presently, the extension of the TANF Emergency  
2 Contingency Fund deadline is not secured or guaranteed; and

3       WHEREAS, Many states have used their portion of the TANF  
4 Emergency Contingency Fund to subsidize employment programs for  
5 the unemployed workers in their states, allowing those  
6 individuals to no longer need unemployment compensation benefits  
7 or helping those who have exhausted their unemployment  
8 compensation benefits; and

9       WHEREAS, The Department of Public Welfare, the Department of  
10 Labor and Industry and the United States Department of Health  
11 and Human Services are conducting negotiations to establish the  
12 2010 Subsidized Summer Youth Employment Program and the 2010  
13 Subsidized Adult Employment Program to help unemployed youths  
14 and workers; and

15       WHEREAS, A subsidized employment program could dramatically  
16 help a region or industry of this Commonwealth recover from the  
17 economic recession; therefore be it

18       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the  
19 continued cooperation among the Department of Public Welfare,  
20 the Department of Labor and Industry and the United States  
21 Department of Health and Human Services in the creation of the  
22 employment subsidy programs entitled the 2010 Subsidized Summer  
23 Youth Employment Program and the 2010 Subsidized Adult  
24 Employment Program; and be it further

25       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives stand ready to  
26 assist the Department of Public Welfare, the Department of Labor  
27 and Industry and the United States Department of Health and  
28 Human Services in any manner necessary in order to facilitate  
29 the creation of subsidized employment programs.