HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 745  Session of 2014

INTRODUCED BY MACKENZIE, BAKER, BISHOP, BOBACK, V. BROWN, BROWNLEE, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, DeLUCA, DENLINGER, DiGIROLAMO, EMRICK, FREEMAN, GABLER, GILLEN, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRELL, HAHART, HEFFLEY, HENNESSEY, KINSEY, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, KOTIK, LONGETTI, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MARSICO, MATZIE, McGHEEAN, MILLARD, MIRABITO, MURT, O'NEILL, PICKETT, READSHAW, ROCK, ROSS, SCHLOSSBERG, SONNEY, THOMAS, VEREB AND YOUNGBLOOD,

MARCH 31, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 31, 2014

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the month of April 2014 as "Child Identity Theft Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, According to the United States Postal Inspection Service, identity theft is America's fastest growing crime; and

WHEREAS, According to the United States Postal Inspection Service, 9.9 million Americans were victims of identity theft in 2011; and

WHEREAS, According to the United States Postal Inspection Service, losses incurred by Americans victimized by identity theft totaled approximately $5 billion in 2011; and

WHEREAS, More than 140,000 children are victims of identity theft annually in the United States according to a study conducted by ID Analytics; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission testified before
Congress that child identity theft is especially pernicious because the theft may not be detected until the child becomes an adult and seeks employment or applies for a student or car loan; and

WHEREAS, According to the Federal Trade Commission, an identity thief may steal a child's personal identifying information to get a job, government benefits, medical care, utilities, car loans or a mortgage; and

WHEREAS, According to the Federal Trade Commission, misuse of Social Security numbers can occur in cases where the victim is as young as 14 years of age; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the month of April 2014 as "Child Identity Theft Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.