A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of November 2012 as "Child Identity Theft Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, According to the United States Postal Inspection
3 Service, identity theft is America's fastest growing crime; and
4 WHEREAS, According to the United States Postal Inspection
5 Service, 9.9 million Americans were victims of identity theft in
6 2011; and
7 WHEREAS, According to the United States Postal Inspection
8 Service, losses incurred by Americans victimized by identity
9 theft totaled approximately $5 billion in 2011; and
10 WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission testified before
11 Congress that child identity theft is especially pernicious
12 because the theft may not be detected until the child becomes an
13 adult and seeks employment or applies for a student or car loan;
14 and
15 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, The Utah Office of the Attorney General has instituted the Child Identity Protection program, a program to help prevent identity thieves from using the personal identifying information of children 16 years of age and under; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania children and their parents may benefit from similar protections afforded to children in Utah; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the month of November 2012 as "Child Identity Theft Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.