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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2016 as "Campus Fire Safety
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Recent student-related housing fires in Pennsylvania
4 have tragically cut short the lives of some of the youths of
5 this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Since January 2000, at least 170 people, including
7 students, parents and children, have died in college-related
8 fires across the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Approximately 87% of these deaths have occurred in
10 off-campus occupancies; and

11 WHEREAS, A number of fatal fires have occurred in buildings
12 where the fire safety systems have been compromised or disabled
13 by the occupants; and

14 WHEREAS, Automatic fire alarm systems and smoke alarms
15 provide the necessary early warning of a fire to occupants and
16 the fire department so that appropriate action can be taken; and

17 WHEREAS, An automatic fire sprinkler system is a highly
18 effective method of controlling or extinguishing a fire in its

1 early stages, protecting the lives of the building's occupants;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Many students live in off-campus occupancies, Greek
4 housing and residence halls that are not adequately protected
5 with automatic fire sprinkler systems and automatic fire alarm
6 systems or adequate smoke alarms; and

7 WHEREAS, Fire safety education is an effective method of
8 reducing the occurrence of fires and reducing the resulting loss
9 of life and property damage; and

10 WHEREAS, Students do not routinely receive effective fire
11 safety education throughout their entire college careers; and

12 WHEREAS, It is vital to educate the future generation of this
13 Commonwealth about the importance of fire safety to ensure their
14 safety during their college years and beyond; and

15 WHEREAS, Developing a generation of fire-safe adults can
16 significantly reduce future loss of life from fires; therefore
17 be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September
19 2016 as "Campus Fire Safety Month" in Pennsylvania.