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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Declaring the week of February 11 through 17, 2001, as "Child
- Passenger Safety Week" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, Despite ongoing efforts to better protect child
- 4 passengers in cars, motor vehicle crashes remain the leading
- 5 cause of unintentional injury-related death among children 14
- 6 years of age and younger; and
- WHEREAS, Each year motor vehicle crashes claim nearly 1,800
- 8 child passenger lives and result in more than 274,000 child
- 9 passenger injuries; and
- 10 WHEREAS, As many as 30% of the children in the United States
- 11 continue to ride completely unrestrained, and of those who are
- 12 buckled up, four out of five children are improperly secured;
- 13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, Child safety seats and safety belts when used
- 15 correctly and consistently are extremely effective in saving
- 16 lives and preventing injuries; and
- 17 WHEREAS, It is known that occupant protection laws that are

- 1 consistently enforced are one of the best ways to prevent
- 2 injuries and save children's lives; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania SAFE KIDS Coalition has planned
- 4 community-based child passenger safety events and activities in
- 5 an effort to educate families about child occupant protection;
- 6 therefore be it
- 7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare the week
- 8 of February 11 through 17, 2001, as "Child Passenger Safety
- 9 Week" in Pennsylvania and express appreciation to the
- 10 Pennsylvania SAFE KIDS Coalition for its efforts to protect
- 11 child passengers on the occasion of "Child Passenger Safety
- 12 Week" in 2001.