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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AND J. WHITE, MARCH 19, 2007

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 19, 2007

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 16 through 20, 2007, as "Community Banking  
2 Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For more than 170 years, Pennsylvania's community  
4 financial institutions have provided the local support our  
5 communities need to prosper and grow; and

6 WHEREAS, Today, more than 300 community banks in this  
7 Commonwealth continue the tradition of giving back to their  
8 local communities through nearly 2,500 banking offices, with  
9 more than \$130 billion in assets, community banks know that when  
10 money stays in town it becomes a renewable resource, creating an  
11 economic cycle that constantly revitalizes and stimulates local  
12 communities; and

13 WHEREAS, Community banks are working citizens in their  
14 communities in every sense of the word with more than 40,000  
15 full-time and part-time employees; and

16 WHEREAS, These banks have made significant contributions to

1 the economic well-being of Pennsylvania through their financial  
2 support, their dedication as good neighbors and, above all,  
3 their service as financially sound and reliable sources of  
4 economic lifeblood in our communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's community banks focus on the  
6 prosperity of individuals and small businesses in their  
7 hometowns: Community banks have reinvested, on average, 95% of  
8 their loan portfolio in their own communities through  
9 residential mortgages and commercial, agricultural and student  
10 loans; and

11 WHEREAS, Community banks play a significant role in local  
12 economic development efforts, stimulating the economy to produce  
13 jobs and new opportunities and, as a group, they contribute an  
14 important and strong part of the Commonwealth's economic fabric;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Community banks also enjoy the trust of their  
17 customers. Indeed, neighbors are helping neighbors build their  
18 homes, save for higher education, plan for retirement and  
19 fulfill other dreams. Community banks have long helped in the  
20 development of our communities and the Commonwealth as a whole,  
21 and we look forward to many more contributions; and

22 WHEREAS, With a theme of "Community Banking - The People, The  
23 Pride, The Service," Pennsylvania's community banks are  
24 observing April 16 through 20, 2007, as "Community Banking Week"  
25 in Pennsylvania, and it is fitting that Pennsylvanians recognize  
26 this observance; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives hereby designate  
28 April 16 through 20, 2007, as "Community Banking Week" in  
29 Pennsylvania with heartfelt appreciation for the contributions  
30 of these helpful institutions.