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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 25, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Pennsylvania American Legion Keystone Girls
2 State (KGS) program to be held during the week of June 17
3 through 23, 2007, at Shippensburg University for its
4 contributions to the development of the citizenship skills
5 and understanding of promising young Pennsylvanians and to
6 strengthening the future of our American form of government.

7 WHEREAS, The KGS program, established in 1944, is an
8 educational workshop for high school student leaders, such as
9 student government officers, athletic team captains and
10 prominent student organization officers; and

11 WHEREAS, Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, the
12 purpose of KGS is to teach the youths of today constructive
13 attitudes toward the American form of government; and

1 WHEREAS, High school students in their junior year are
2 selected for participation in this program based upon their
3 having displayed leadership qualities and high moral character
4 and maintaining high scholastic standing; and

5 WHEREAS, Students selected to attend KGS will have the
6 opportunity to gain leadership skills through a variety of
7 activities and presentations during the weeklong program; and

8 WHEREAS, KGS is a practical school of government conducted on
9 an "education by participation" basis, the hallmark and focus of
10 which is its experientially based government exercise whereby
11 citizens take on roles and practice the procedures and
12 operations in the organization and operation of a mock city,
13 county and State government; and

14 WHEREAS, The hands-on format at KGS has the youthful citizens
15 forming and operating two fictitious political parties,
16 conducting all local and State law enforcement and judicial
17 systems and forming and conducting a bicameral State
18 legislature; and

19 WHEREAS, The effort to get everyone involved manifests itself
20 by having every "citizen" elected, selected, assigned or
21 appointed to leadership positions throughout the week; and

22 WHEREAS, The practical exercises and program, even
23 intramurals, are aimed at developing a more active and
24 intelligent interest in the duties, privileges, rights and
25 responsibilities of citizenship; and

26 WHEREAS, KGS enables each "citizen" to grasp the meaning of
27 some of the responsibilities she will be called upon to assume
28 when she becomes an adult: the student learns the part citizens
29 must play under our system of government, in that each can run
30 for office, vote for a candidate of choice and have a voice and

1 a part in shaping the policies of government; and

2 WHEREAS, From this practical school of government, the young
3 citizen has the opportunity to practice democracy in action for
4 herself and learn that each person has a role to play within our
5 system of government and that her government is just what she
6 makes of it; and

7 WHEREAS, This program shows the resiliency of our great
8 republic, which needs an intelligent citizenry and an honest and
9 impartial administration that is responsive to the will of the
10 people; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
12 Pennsylvania American Legion KGS program to be held June 17
13 through 23, 2007, and congratulate the American Legion for its
14 contributions over the past 63 years in supporting and promoting
15 the leadership skills of promising young Pennsylvanians and
16 enhancing their understanding of our American form of government
17 through practical teaching and personal involvement.