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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating the month of October 2007 as "Archives Month" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, The historical documents and records of our nation
- 4 and our Commonwealth provide a crucial link to our past; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Appreciating this heritage and its lessons provides
- 6 immeasurable guidance for our future; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Archives is an invaluable
- 8 storehouse of well over 300 years of unique materials, including
- 9 the original Charter of 1681, the 1737 Walking Purchase and the
- 10 celebratory materials for the 100th Anniversary of the
- 11 dedication of the Capitol; and
- 12 WHEREAS, This year's theme for American Archives Month is
- 13 "Celebrating the American Record"; and

- 1 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives has established an
- 2 archival repository for the records of elected members,
- 3 committees and administrative agencies of that body, including
- 4 an Oral History of former Members of the House; and
- 5 WHEREAS, These historical records and documents, if not
- 6 professionally collected, categorized and catalogued by
- 7 dedicated archivists and staff and housed in secure locations,
- 8 would be lost to future generations of our citizens; therefore
- 9 be it
- 10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
- 11 invaluable contribution these agencies and their dedicated
- 12 employees make to future scholarship; and be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
- 14 month of October 2007 as "Archives Month" in Pennsylvania in
- 15 honor of these agencies and their employees; and be it further
- 16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
- 17 Pennsylvanians to visit their local libraries or archives and
- 18 learn more about the contributions of historical documents and
- 19 records to discover the rich heritage of this Commonwealth.