## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 911

Session of 2008

INTRODUCED BY BUXTON, BEYER, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, CASORIO, CAUSER, DeLUCA, DiGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, FRANKEL, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARKINS, HELM, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HORNAMAN, JAMES, KOTIK, KULA, LEVDANSKY, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANN, MANTZ, MARSHALL, MILLARD, MOYER, MURT, MYERS, D. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PAYNE, QUINN, RAMALEY, RAPP, READSHAW, ROCK, ROSS, SAINATO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SWANGER, VULAKOVICH, WOJNAROSKI, BEAR, PHILLIPS, MARSICO, HARHART, SAYLOR AND KORTZ, SEPTEMBER 29, 2008

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, SEPTEMBER 29, 2008

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating October 16, 2008, as "Conflict Resolution Day" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, October 16, 2008, has been designated as "National
- 4 Conflict Resolution Day" by the board of directors of the
- 5 Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) "to increase public
- 6 awareness about conflict resolution"; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Conflict resolution refers to a wide range of
- 8 processes that involve the use of nonviolent dispute settlement
- 9 outside of the judicial system; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Conflict resolution includes efforts in communities
- 11 and schools to reduce violence and encourage effective
- 12 negotiation through respectful communication; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Common conflict resolution methods include

- 1 negotiation, mediation, arbitration, early neutral evaluation,
- 2 community conferencing, collaborative law and peer mediation;
- 3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, Many communities and schools in Pennsylvania are
- 5 implementing conflict resolution methods, recognizing this means
- 6 of dispute settlement as less costly and more private than
- 7 courtroom civil litigation; therefore be it
- 8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October
- 9 16, 2008, as "Conflict Resolution Day" in Pennsylvania.