## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION <br> No. 531 <br> Session of 2012

INTRODUCED BY CHRISTIANA, AUMENT, BEAR, BENNINGHOFF, BOYD, R. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, DALEY, DiGIROLAMO, EVANKOVICH, EVERETT, GABLER, GEIST, GINGRICH, GROVE, HARHART, HEFFLEY, HELM, KILLION, KULA, MAJOR, MANN, MILLARD, MUSTIO, PAYNE, PEIFER, READSHAW, SCAVELLO, SONNEY, STEPHENS, STERN, SWANGER, TOOHIL, VEREB, WHITE AND YOUNGBLOOD, JANUARY 17, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY 17, 2012

## A RESOLUTION

Declaring the month of January 2012 as "Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's geography is the backdrop for outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, Tens of thousands of winter enthusiasts migrate to the Pennsylvania mountains every week to ski and snowboard on trails that offer cruising comfort in a majestic setting or the excitement of a pulse-pounding challenge on a downhill course; and

WHEREAS, There are more than 23 ski resorts in all regions of this State from the Endless Mountains to the Philadelphia suburbs, central Pennsylvania from the Maryland to the New York borders and throughout the Alleghenies; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania ski resorts have a significant economic impact on the communities they are located in and the

Commonwealth as a whole; and
WHEREAS, Participating in a snow sport provides an opportunity for exercise and friendship that will last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month encourages children and adults to learn by taking lessons from professional instructors; and

WHEREAS, Ski and snowboard areas throughout the United States offer free and reasonably priced turn-key lesson programs during the month of January as part of this initiative; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Ski Areas Association, along with 33 other states, the SnowSports Industries America (SIA), the Professional Ski Instructors of America-American Association of Snowboard Instructors (PSIA-AASI), National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) and the National Ski Patrol have united to offer an affordable Learn to Ski and Snowboard program that will open the door to the wonderful world of skiing and snowboarding for many winter enthusiasts throughout the entire season; and

WHEREAS, "Humans Were Never Meant to Hibernate" is the theme of this year's national effort, meant to get children and adults outside this winter for fun and exercise in the snow; and

WHEREAS, We appreciate and thank the dedicated individuals who work tirelessly to uphold Pennsylvania's outdoor recreation and help maintain strong winter tourism in Pennsylvania; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the month of January 2012 as "Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Pennsylvania Ski Areas Association, P.O. Box 27, White Haven, Pa

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