

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 4, 2017, as "National Healthy Schools Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National Healthy Schools Day" observances in
4 communities nationwide highlight the impact of school facilities
5 and the school environment on child health, development and
6 academic achievement; and

7 WHEREAS, A healthy learning environment heightens student
8 attendance and student performance; and

9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is committed to the health of all
10 students in public school districts, charter schools,
11 intermediate units, career and technical education schools and
12 area vocational-technical schools; and

13 WHEREAS, The Department of Education, the Department of
14 Health and other State agencies promote healthy schools policies
15 in cooperation with school officials and community partners; and

16 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has implemented guidelines to
17 prevent or resolve indoor air quality problems in public school

1 facilities where young children and children with special needs
2 are especially vulnerable to toxic mold and chemical exposure,
3 which can affect their development, cause upper respiratory
4 illnesses and contribute to learning disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, Indoor air quality can also affect attendance,
6 concentration and performance of both children and teachers who
7 normally spend between 30 to 50 hours each week in school
8 buildings; and

9 WHEREAS, A goal of "National Healthy Schools Day" is to raise
10 awareness regarding air quality in our schools and to encourage
11 schools to improve air quality by providing better ventilation,
12 maintenance and cleaning of heating, ventilation and air
13 conditioning systems and by using nontoxic cleaning products;
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April
16 4, 2017, as "National Healthy Schools Day" in Pennsylvania.