A RESOLUTION

Designating July 8 through 13, 2019, as "Summer Learning Week" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, "Summer Learning Week" is a time to reflect on the importance of keeping youths learning while remaining safe and healthy during the summer and ensuring that students return to school in the fall ready to succeed in the year ahead; and

WHEREAS, Summer learning loss is a significant contributor to the achievement gap, a gap that remains constant during the nine months of the school year but widens during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, Summer learning programs are proven to maintain and advance students' academic, social and emotional growth, keep children safe and healthy during the summer and send young people back to school ready to learn; and

WHEREAS, Summer youth employment programs engage older youths in meaningful activities that allow them to explore careers of interest, take on new responsibilities, contribute to their
community and earn money for the future; and
WHEREAS, A wide array of public agencies, community-based
organizations, schools, libraries, museums, recreation centers,
camps and businesses in our community contribute to the well-
being of youths through summer programming; and
WHEREAS, Summer learning is a critical component of our
collective effort to ensure that all students graduate from high
school prepared for college, careers and life; therefore be it
RESOLVED, That the Senate designate July 8 through 13, 2019,
as "Summer Learning Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the importance of
providing summer programming and supporting a safe learning
environment for children after school and during the summer
months.