## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 517

Session of 2003

INTRODUCED BY WEBER, ADOLPH, ALLEN, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BALDWIN, BARRAR, BEBKO-JONES, BLAUM, BOYD, CAPPELLI, CAUSER, CIVERA, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, DENLINGER, DiGIROLAMO, J. EVANS, FAIRCHILD, FEESE, FICHTER, FLEAGLE, FLICK, FREEMAN, GEIST, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARHART, HARPER, HASAY, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, HORSEY, JAMES, KENNEY, LEDERER, MAITLAND, MAJOR, MARSICO, McCALL, McGEEHAN, McGILL, McILHATTAN, McILHINNEY, METCALFE, MUSTIO, NAILOR, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PISTELLA, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROEBUCK, ROHRER, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SATHER, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SHANER, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, TRUE, TURZAI, WATSON, ARGALL, WOJNAROSKI, ROBERTS, COLEMAN, SEMMEL, THOMAS AND LEACH, DECEMBER 15, 2003

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, DECEMBER 15, 2003

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating February 6, 2004, as "Give Kids A Smile Day" in
- 2 Pennsylvania, congratulating the Pennsylvania Dental
- 3 Association for its involvement in this national program, and
- 4 thanking dentists for volunteering their time to provide
- 5 needed dental care.
- 6 WHEREAS, Access to dental care for children is a vital
- 7 element of overall health care and development; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Dental caries, more commonly known as tooth decay,
- 9 is the most chronic childhood disease; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Untreated tooth decay results in thousands of
- 11 children experiencing poor eating and sleeping patterns,
- 12 suffering decreased attention spans at school and being unable
- 13 to smile; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania dentists participating in the Give Kids
- 2 A Smile program remind us about the need to end untreated
- 3 childhood dental disease; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Nationally the Give Kids A Smile program treated an
- 5 estimated 1 million children on February 21, 2003, at
- 6 approximately 5,000 locations in all 50 states; therefore be it
- 7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
- 8 February 6, 2004, as "Give Kids A Smile Day," congratulate the
- 9 Pennsylvania Dental Association for participating in the program
- 10 on their efforts to improve access to dental care for children
- 11 and thank the dentists who are volunteering their time and
- 12 bringing a smile to hundreds of children in this Commonwealth.