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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of March 20 through 26, 2005, as "National  
2 Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, More than 1,000 different household and commercial  
4 products, as close as under the kitchen sink or in a public  
5 school classroom, can be abused as intoxicating inhalants and  
6 inhalants can cause serious health problems and death, even with  
7 first-time use; and

8 WHEREAS, Items such as air fresheners, cooking spray, markers  
9 and glue are being used by young people to induce a euphoric  
10 feeling, or "high," by either sniffing the aerosol spray or by  
11 inhaling, or "huffing," the product through the mouth, usually  
12 from a cloth soaked with the substance; and

13 WHEREAS, Use of these items as inhalants can cause dizziness,  
14 breathing difficulty, heart palpitations, headaches and damage  
15 to the brain, nerve cells, heart and lungs; and

16 WHEREAS, Because these products are commonly used in

1 nonharmful ways, many young people and uninformed adults do not  
2 believe that sniffing or huffing inhalants can harm users or  
3 that users can become addicted to the high the products induce;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, According to a recent study, 9.1% of 8th graders,  
6 6.6% of 10th graders and 4.5% of 12th graders reported using  
7 inhalants; and

8 WHEREAS, Public education about the dangers imposed by use of  
9 inhalants is the quickest and most effective way to eradicate  
10 their use; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
12 week of March 20 through 26, 2005, as "National Inhalants and  
13 Poisons Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.