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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2007

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INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, ADOLPH, BAKER, BENNINGHOFF, BLACKWELL, BRENNAN, CAPPELLI, CAUSER, CLYMER, COX, CREIGHTON, CURRY, CUTLER, DePASQUALE, DiGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, ELLIS, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, GABIG, GEIST, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HERSHEY, HESS, KENNEY, KORTZ, MAJOR, MANTZ, MARKOSEK, MENSCH, MILLARD, MUNDY, MUSTIO, NAILOR, D. O'BRIEN, PALLONE, PAYNE, PEIFER, PICKETT, QUINN, RAPP, REICHLEY, ROSS, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, SONNEY, STERN, R. STEVENSON, J. TAYLOR, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WATERS, WATSON AND WOJNAROSKI, MAY 23, 2007

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MAY 23, 2007

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 25, 2007, as "National Missing Children's Day"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, On May 25, 1979, six-year-old Etan Patz of New York  
4 City disappeared while walking to the bus stop on his way to  
5 school; and

6 WHEREAS, The ensuing search for Etan Patz became the first  
7 nationally televised missing-child event to capture America's  
8 attention; and

9 WHEREAS, From 1979 to 1981 there were a number of high-  
10 profile, missing-child incidents, from Etan Patz to the Atlanta  
11 child murders, to Adam Walsh, the son of John Walsh, host of  
12 America's Most Wanted"; and

13 WHEREAS, As the nation became painfully aware of these

1 horrific crimes against children, the stories of these children  
2 served as a catalyst for national legislation to aid in the  
3 search and recovery of missing children; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1983 President Ronald Reagan honored the memory  
5 of all missing children by proclaiming that May 25, the day Etan  
6 Patz disappeared, be observed each year as "National Missing  
7 Children's Day"; and

8 WHEREAS, Every subsequent administration to date has honored  
9 this proclamation; and

10 WHEREAS, Etan Patz has never been found; and

11 WHEREAS, There are more than 2,000 children reported missing  
12 every day in the United States and 58,000 child abductions by  
13 strangers every year; and

14 WHEREAS, The problem of missing children in the United States  
15 is often a tragically low priority; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 25,  
17 2007, as "National Missing Children's Day" in Pennsylvania.