
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 450 Session of
2007

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MAHONEY, BEAR AND D. O'BRIEN, OCTOBER 16, 2007

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 16, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2007 as "Underage Drinking
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, More youth in the United States drink alcohol than
4 smoke tobacco or marijuana, making it the drug most used by
5 young people; and

6 WHEREAS, Each day, more than 5,400 children in the United
7 States under 16 years of age take their first drink; and

8 WHEREAS, More than 60% of eighth graders and 80% of tenth
9 graders who were surveyed claim that it is fairly easy or very
10 easy to obtain alcohol; and

11 WHEREAS, One in six eighth graders is a current drinker; and

12 WHEREAS, One in five youth, ages 12 to 20, has been involved
13 in binge drinking (five or more drinks on one occasion); and

1 WHEREAS, Each day, an estimated three teens in the United
2 States die from drinking and driving; and

3 WHEREAS, Each day, at least six more youths under 21 years of
4 age die of nondriving alcohol-related causes, such as homicide,
5 suicide or drowning; and

6 WHEREAS, More than 70,000 college students are victims of
7 alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape each year; and

8 WHEREAS, Recent studies have found that heavy exposure of the
9 adolescent brain to alcohol may interfere with brain
10 development, causing loss of memory and other skills; therefore
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
13 month of October 2007 as "Underage Drinking Awareness Month" in
14 Pennsylvania.