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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 522 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY BAKER, PICKETT, CAUSER, DIGIROLAMO, BEAR, BEYER, BRENNAN, CAPPELLI, CLYMER, COHEN, CONKLIN, CUTLER, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, GALLOWAY, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHART, HELM, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HESS, JAMES, KOTIK, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANTZ, MICOZZIE, MURT, MUSTIO, MYERS, PALLONE, PETRONE, PHILLIPS, RAMALEY, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROEBUCK, SAINATO, K. SMITH, WOJNAROSKI AND YOUNGBLOOD, DECEMBER 4, 2007

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, DECEMBER 4, 2007

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the patriotic, cultural, historic and artistic  
2 aspects of stamp collecting and related documents.

3 WHEREAS, Postage stamps of the United States reflect and  
4 extol the patriotic, cultural, historic and artistic aspects of  
5 this Commonwealth and of this country; and

6 WHEREAS, Collecting stamps, historical mail, documents and  
7 related artifacts preserves and perpetuates our patriotism,  
8 culture, history and art; and

9 WHEREAS, Collectors become better educated citizens through  
10 stamp collecting; and

11 WHEREAS, Stamp collecting promotes literacy and artistic  
12 creativity; and

13 WHEREAS, Research shows that children who collect stamps and  
14 related documents are more likely to succeed in school; and

1       WHEREAS, Stamp collecting is a hobby that can be enjoyed by  
2 people with special needs; and

3       WHEREAS, The stamp collecting hobby is an activity that  
4 family members of all ages can enjoy together; and

5       WHEREAS, Stamp collecting links people, families and cultures  
6 together through a common bond; and

7       WHEREAS, The main reasons collectors are interested in the  
8 hobby are the history reflected in stamps and the relaxation and  
9 relief from stress that the pastime provides; and

10       WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has three excellent resources to  
11 aid citizens in beginning and furthering the hobby of stamp  
12 collecting; and

13       WHEREAS, Those resources are Stamp Camp USA in Elkland,  
14 Pennsylvania, and the American Philatelic Society and the  
15 American Philatelic Research Library, headquartered jointly in  
16 Bellefonte, Pennsylvania; and

17       WHEREAS, Those organizations have both a local and a national  
18 scope; therefore be it

19       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support the  
20 enterprise of stamp collecting and its allied philatelic  
21 pursuits as pastimes conducive to good citizenship; and be it  
22 further

23       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all  
24 Pennsylvanians to recognize and celebrate the value of  
25 collecting stamps and related documents.