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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2008

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INTRODUCED BY RUBLEY, GRUCELA, KENNEY, GALLOWAY, MAJOR, ADOLPH, BEAR, BENNINGTON, BEYER, BRENNAN, CAPPELLI, CLYMER, CONKLIN, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DALEY, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, HELM, HERSHEY, HESS, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KILLION, LEACH, MAHONEY, MANDERINO, MANN, MANTZ, MARSICO, MELIO, MENSCH, MILLARD, MILNE, MOYER, MURT, MUSTIO, MYERS, NAILOR, D. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PASHINSKI, PAYNE, PETRONE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PYLE, RAMALEY, RAPP, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROHRER, ROSS, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SIPTROTH, SONNEY, R. STEVENSON, SWANGER, VULAKOVICH, WATSON, J. WHITE AND WOJNAROSKI, FEBRUARY 11, 2008

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
FEBRUARY 11, 2008

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of March 17 through 24, 2008, as "Voter  
2 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The cornerstone of a democracy is an educated,  
4 informed and participatory electorate; and

5 WHEREAS, Voting is the voluntary act of an individual  
6 expressing his or her belief in a representative democracy; and

7 WHEREAS, The right to vote is perhaps the most basic and  
8 fundamental of all the rights guaranteed by our democratic form  
9 of government; and

10 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Voter Hall of Fame was established  
11 to acknowledge and honor citizens of this Commonwealth who have  
12 demonstrated a commitment to democracy by voting in every

1 November election for at least 50 consecutive years; and

2 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Vote With a Vet Program was  
3 established to encourage voter participation among our high  
4 school youths of voting age and to teach them about the  
5 sacrifices our veterans have made; and

6 WHEREAS, Voter awareness leads to a healthy democracy in  
7 which citizens have the information and skills to participate  
8 effectively in all aspects of civic life; and

9 WHEREAS, Voter awareness campaigns and get-out-the-vote  
10 efforts emphasize the importance of voting and registering to  
11 vote; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
13 week of March 17 through 24, 2008, as "Voter Awareness Week" in  
14 Pennsylvania.