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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 2, 2008

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A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging Pennsylvanians to purchase products which are made  
2 in the United States and this Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission  
4 issued more than 60 recalls in 2007, one of which resulted in  
5 more than 25 million toys having been recalled for elevated  
6 levels of lead; and

7 WHEREAS, The 25 million recalled toys equates to two toys for  
8 every man, woman and child who are, collectively, citizens of  
9 this Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, More than four million other recalled toys were  
11 laced with flunitrazepam, which is a powerful drug associated  
12 with date rape; and

13 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
14 estimate that 310,000 children living in this country have

1 elevated blood lead levels; and

2 WHEREAS, In 2005, the Centers for Disease Control and  
3 Prevention found 4,918 confirmed cases of children six years of  
4 age or younger residing within this Commonwealth with elevated  
5 blood lead levels; and

6 WHEREAS, Various other products from Chinese manufacturers,  
7 notably toothpaste, pet food and cold medicine, have been found  
8 to be dangerous to animals and people in both this Commonwealth  
9 and the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, The current domestic trade imbalance with China has  
11 forced an estimated 2.1 million hard-working Americans from  
12 their jobs; and

13 WHEREAS, The residents of this Commonwealth and the United  
14 States deserve the best quality and safest goods for themselves  
15 and their families; and

16 WHEREAS, Spending American dollars on American products and  
17 companies serves not only the collective good, but saves  
18 valuable American jobs; and

19 WHEREAS, Oppressive and authoritarian regimes preordain  
20 wages, prevent free trade unions, manipulate the principles and  
21 rules of law to meet their needs and disregard the safety and  
22 well-being of the citizenry at large; and

23 WHEREAS, Multibillion dollar, global organizations are  
24 threatening the livelihood of Pennsylvanians and Americans  
25 simply to increase their profit margins at the expense of  
26 consumer safety; and

27 WHEREAS, More than 12 million hard-working residents of this  
28 Commonwealth can purchase such varied, Pennsylvania-made items,  
29 as toys, motorcycles, beer, food, clothing, art supplies,  
30 musical instruments and many others; and

1       WHEREAS, In this time of economic instability, rising energy  
2 costs and increased transportation costs, organizations should  
3 promote the safety and well-being of both Pennsylvania's and  
4 America's working families before emphasizing profit margins;  
5 therefore be it

6       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
7 value of a global economy, but not at the expense of America's  
8 working families who have struggled to provide us with the  
9 American way of life or the lifestyle we enjoy today and  
10 strongly encourage all Pennsylvanians to purchase products that  
11 are made in Pennsylvania and the United States first.