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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 2, 2008, as "Kick Butts Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, Youth empowerment is an essential element of  
3 comprehensive tobacco control; and

4 WHEREAS, The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids has reported that  
5 419,810 children became regular smokers in 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, A 2007 study published in the Archives of Pediatrics  
7 and Adolescent Medicine indicates that nicotine addiction can  
8 develop quickly, within days, among the most susceptible  
9 children; and

10 WHEREAS, Tobacco addiction leads to premature death; and

11 WHEREAS, With the global expansion of the tobacco industry,  
12 smoking-related deaths are expected to rise to 1 billion by the  
13 end of the 21st Century; and

1       WHEREAS, The hazards of secondhand smoke further plague an  
2       estimated 700 million children worldwide; and

3       WHEREAS, "Kick Butts Day" is an annual youth-led anti-tobacco  
4       initiative of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids; and

5       WHEREAS, On "Kick Butts Day," youths become leaders in the  
6       fight against tobacco by standing out, speaking up and seizing  
7       control in their homes, schools and communities; therefore be it

8       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April  
9       2, 2008, as "Kick Butts Day" in Pennsylvania.