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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 8, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 11 through 17, 2008, as
2 "Transportation Week" and recognizing May 16, 2008, as
3 "National Defense Transportation Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Throughout America's history, the transportation
5 system has played a profound role in the security and
6 development of this nation; and

7 WHEREAS, As early as the Revolutionary War, America's
8 merchant marine carried cargo to help defend national interests
9 and uphold democratic ideals; and

10 WHEREAS, In the 1800s, as many Americans migrated westward,
11 new roads and canals facilitated travel and trade, helping to
12 unify this young country and bolster its growing economy; and

13 WHEREAS, In the 20th century, few innovations had the far-
14 reaching effect on our society as the airplane, now a critical
15 part of the national defense and robust economy; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1953 "Transportation Week" was observed in the
2 city of Houston, Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, Nine additional Texas cities joined in the
4 observance the following year; and

5 WHEREAS, A national chairman was appointed in 1955 to what
6 had then become known as the Traffic Club International; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1959 a joint resolution was introduced,
8 proclaiming an annual "National Transportation Week" from a
9 House Judiciary subcommittee of the Congress of the United
10 States, with President Dwight D. Eisenhower signing the
11 resolution on May 20, 1960; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1962 President John F. Kennedy declared a
13 permanent date, and from that day forward, the week in May which
14 contains the third Friday is recognized as "National Defense
15 Transportation Day," with "National Maritime Day" on the
16 following Saturday; and

17 WHEREAS, The United States has more than 4 million miles of
18 roads and highways, an integral part of a \$175 trillion
19 transportation infrastructure, which generates \$175 billion in
20 economic activity annually for this country; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
22 week of May 11 through 17, 2008, as "Transportation Week" and
23 recognize May 16, 2008, as "National Defense Transportation Day"
24 in Pennsylvania.