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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 4, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Prehistoric Journeys team on its efforts relating
2 to the Apatosaurus (Brontosaurus) excelsus dinosaur.

3 WHEREAS, The people of this Commonwealth are justly proud of
4 the Prehistoric Journeys team of Sunbury, who have earned
5 themselves a niche in paleontological annals by preparing,
6 reconstructing and display-mounting the complete 72-foot-long
7 skeleton of the first Apatosaurus (Brontosaurus) excelsus
8 dinosaur with an original, related skull; and

9 WHEREAS, Barry James and April Rhodes-James, owners of
10 Prehistoric Journeys, along with their able team members, Giles
11 Wickham, Dean Raker, Scott Rohrbach and Aaron Whyne, have
12 completed the Apatosaurus (Brontosaurus) excelsus dinosaur
13 project in the Sunbury workshop; and

14 WHEREAS, The finding is significant as a major scientific
15 discovery for the 21st century because it is the first
16 discovered dinosaur of this species with an incomparable 85% of

1 its skeleton and a skull and brain case; and

2 WHEREAS, It can now be shown exactly how this dinosaur looked
3 during its lifetime some 140 million years ago in what is now
4 Wyoming, where the skeleton was found and excavated on private
5 ranch land; and

6 WHEREAS, The skeleton was shipped by Cellitti Movers of
7 Sunbury to the workshop of Prehistoric Journeys for preparation
8 and display-mounting; and

9 WHEREAS, For 130 years, since the first Apatosaurus
10 (Brontosaurus) excelsus dinosaur bones were discovered and
11 named, a related skull has never been found until that of
12 "Einstein"; and

13 WHEREAS, Other citizens of central Pennsylvania who assisted
14 in various ways to ensure this project was brought to fruition
15 were John and Karen Campbell of Sunbury, Nancy Cleaver and Misha
16 Kryzytski of Lewisburg, Hugh and Mary Grimes of Selinsgrove,
17 Kate Lesslie and Chris Snyder of Lewisburg, Robert and Sanae
18 Poust of Sunbury and Rodney Raker of Sunbury; and

19 WHEREAS, The Prehistoric Journeys team is an outstanding
20 example of a scientific business going above and beyond the
21 criteria, and it is deserving of congratulations and
22 commendation; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the
24 Prehistoric Journeys team on its unique talents, its dedication
25 and its valuable work in bringing this scientifically
26 significant Apatosaurus (Brontosaurus) excelsus dinosaur
27 skeleton back to life; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives extend its best
29 wishes to the Prehistoric Journeys team for continued success in
30 its future endeavors; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitably prepared copies of this resolution be
2 transmitted to Barry James and April Rhodes-James, Dean Raker,
3 Scott Rohrbach and Aaron Whyne.