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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AND PHILLIPS, OCTOBER 3, 2008

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 3, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 16, 2008, as "ONE Campaign Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, ONE is a campaign of Americans of all beliefs and
4 every walk of life united as ONE to help make poverty history;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The campaign consists of more than 2.4 million
7 people and is growing among 50 states and is one of this
8 nation's most well-known and respected nonprofit, advocacy and
9 humanitarian organizations; and

10 WHEREAS, ONE believes that health workers and health
11 communities are the centerpieces of any strong and vibrant
12 society; and

13 WHEREAS, The ONE campaign brings together people who want to
14 help save and improve the lives of those suffering from extreme

1 poverty and global disease with the premise that many voices
2 united as ONE can put real pressure on international leaders to
3 increase efforts to provide for basic needs like health,
4 education, clean water and nutrition; and

5 WHEREAS, ONE is a nonpartisan effort that believes that
6 together we can help transform the future of an entire
7 generation in the world's poorest countries; and

8 WHEREAS, ONE raises public awareness about the issues of
9 global poverty, hunger, disease and efforts to fight such
10 problems in the world's poorest countries; and

11 WHEREAS, Every three seconds, a child dies from illnesses
12 associated with extreme poverty; and

13 WHEREAS, Nearly one billion people live on less than \$1 per
14 day and an estimated 16,000 children die each day in the poorest
15 counties of the world; and

16 WHEREAS, The citizens of the United States can address these
17 issues by recognizing the devastating impact extreme poverty and
18 preventable disease have globally and by beginning to take
19 action in our local communities to bring about change in the
20 world; and

21 WHEREAS, ONE works in communities, colleges and churches
22 across this nation to educate and ask America's leaders to
23 increase efforts to fight global AIDS and extreme poverty, from
24 the United States budget and Presidential elections, to specific
25 legislation on debt cancellation, increasing effective
26 international assistance, making trade fair and fighting
27 corruption; and

28 WHEREAS, ONE believes in the best American tradition of
29 helping others help themselves; and

30 WHEREAS, Now is the time to join with other counties in a

1 historic pact for compassion and justice to help the poorest
2 people of this world overcome AIDS and extreme poverty; and

3 WHEREAS, ONE believes in committing ourselves, one person,
4 one voice, one vote at a time, to making a better, safer world
5 for all people; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October
7 16, 2008, as "ONE Campaign Day" in Pennsylvania.