

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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OCTOBER 6, 2008

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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## A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring October 26 through November 1, 2008, as "Juvenile  
2 Detention Centers Week," throughout Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's 21 secure detention centers, serving  
4 all 67 counties, should be recognized for their ongoing  
5 protection of our communities and the care of youth in their  
6 custody; and

7 WHEREAS, These facilities provide 862 beds Statewide for more  
8 than 21,000 admissions to juvenile detention each year in this  
9 Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, The existence of these facilities is key to the  
11 safety and betterment of their communities; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's Juvenile Detention Centers, adhering  
13 to the Balanced and Restorative Justice model, contribute to  
14 public safety by providing a stable environment for at-risk  
15 youth both preadjudicated and adjudicated, providing education

1 and programming, and ensuring sufficient opportunities for  
2 growth and development of Pennsylvania's youth; and

3 WHEREAS, Juvenile Detention Centers ensure every child's  
4 health and well-being by providing competency development, self-  
5 discipline and stabilization through comprehensive evaluations,  
6 both physical and behavioral health, as well as community  
7 involvement; and

8 WHEREAS, Hundreds of men and women are dedicated to ensuring  
9 the proper care and supervision of the youth and are committed  
10 to the protection of Pennsylvania's communities on a daily  
11 basis; and

12 WHEREAS, The Juvenile Detention Centers Association of  
13 Pennsylvania acts as the sole resource for these facilities,  
14 offering education, representation and support for all of the  
15 important services that juvenile detention centers provide for  
16 this Commonwealth's youth and communities; and

17 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's Juvenile Detention Centers in  
18 coordination with the Juvenile Detention Centers Association of  
19 Pennsylvania merit one week of recognition for their unending  
20 services aimed at protecting our communities and assisting  
21 Pennsylvania's youth; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare October  
23 26 through November 1, 2008, as "Juvenile Detention Centers  
24 Week."