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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 7, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2008 as "National Search and
2 Rescue Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Many volunteer, municipal and national search and
4 rescue team members reside within this Commonwealth and abide by
5 a duty to valiantly and selflessly protect their fellow members
6 and other residents of this Commonwealth and nation; and

7 WHEREAS, Search and rescue assistance is vital to recovery
8 operations, and Federal and State emergency services
9 organizations commonly implore local search and rescue teams to
10 locate missing persons and provide relief in the event of a
11 criminal act or natural disaster; and

1 WHEREAS, Members are well trained to master and employ a
2 variety of useful skills and methodologies, including behavioral
3 analysis, communications, engineering, hazardous material
4 evaluation, medical response, structure stabilization, technical
5 assistance and canine/animal handling; and

6 WHEREAS, Most search and rescue operations are nonprofit,
7 volunteer organizations which honorably adhere to voluntary,
8 principled regulations; and

9 WHEREAS, Search and rescue team members individually and
10 altruistically volunteer to dedicate their time and effort to
11 aiding persons in distress; and

12 WHEREAS, Search and rescue team members often readily head
13 directly into the face of danger to fulfill their sense of duty
14 and save lives; and

15 WHEREAS, Search and rescue teams from Pennsylvania and all
16 over the country swiftly responded to the call for aid in the
17 wake of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks at the World
18 Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon and in Shanksville,
19 Pennsylvania; and

20 WHEREAS, Many search and rescue teams united and braved the
21 horrific and treacherous conditions at the September 11, 2001,
22 attack sites to spend countless, selfless hours to search for
23 survivors and bring solace and closure to families who lost
24 loved ones; and

25 WHEREAS, Search and rescue teams often provide fundamental
26 and strategic public education free of charge, including
27 programs on basic safety, outdoors education, map reading, first
28 aid and staying calm in a crisis; and

29 WHEREAS, Search and rescue teams maintain a supportive and
30 reassuring presence for the communities they serve; therefore be

1 it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
3 month of November 2008 as "National Search and Rescue Awareness
4 Month" in Pennsylvania.