

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 51 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY EVERETT, BAKER, BEAR, BEYER, BOYD, BROOKS, CAUSER, COHEN, D. COSTA, DALEY, DELOZIER, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GEIST, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GROVE, GRUCELA, HELM, HENNESSEY, HESS, MAJOR, MANN, MARSHALL, MILLARD, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, QUINN, READSHAW, REED, ROCK, ROHRER, SAINATO, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SWANGER, THOMAS, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, YOUNGBLOOD, SONNEY, BENNINGHOFF AND HICKERNELL, FEBRUARY 5, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 5, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating George A. Ferrell Elementary School, Picture
2 Rocks, upon its recognition as a 2008 No Child Left Behind -
3 Blue Ribbon School.

4 WHEREAS, At an awards ceremony in Washington, DC, on October
5 21, 2008, the Federal Department of Education recognized 320
6 schools in the nation as 2008 No Child Left Behind - Blue Ribbon
7 Schools; and

8 WHEREAS, George A. Ferrell Elementary School in Picture
9 Rocks, Lycoming County, was one of these schools, an achievement
10 signifying the high level of academic success its students have
11 reached through significant progress in testing scores and
12 program initiatives; and

13 WHEREAS, The No Child Left Behind - Blue Ribbon Schools
14 Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high
15 schools that are either academically superior or that

1 demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement to high
2 levels; and

3 WHEREAS, The schools are selected based on one of two
4 criteria:

5 (1) Schools with at least 40% of their students from
6 disadvantaged backgrounds that dramatically improve student
7 performance to high levels on state tests; or

8 (2) Schools whose students, regardless of background,
9 achieve in the top 10% of their state on state tests or in
10 the case of private schools in the top 10% of the nation on
11 nationally normed tests;

12 and

13 WHEREAS, Students at George A. Ferrell Elementary School
14 score in the top 10% of the students in Pennsylvania on the
15 Pennsylvania System of School Assessment tests; and

16 WHEREAS, George A. Ferrell Elementary School was one of only
17 12 schools in this Commonwealth to be honored in 2008 as a Blue
18 Ribbon School; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate
20 George A. Ferrell Elementary School, Picture Rocks, upon its
21 recognition as a 2008 No Child Left Behind - Blue Ribbon School.