

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 185 Session of 2009

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MARCH 23, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH  
23, 2009

## A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring the week of April 20 through 24, 2009, as  
2 "Pennsylvania Academic Competition Week" in Pennsylvania; and  
3 urging the Department of Education, local school districts  
4 and intermediate units to participate in the 18th annual  
5 Statewide Pennsylvania Academic Competition on April 24,  
6 2009.

7 WHEREAS, The education of all Pennsylvania children is a  
8 major concern to the citizens of this Commonwealth and requires  
9 the use of creative and innovative means to focus attention upon  
10 this concern; and

11 WHEREAS, Excellence displayed in athletic competition has  
12 long been recognized by societal and community rewards provided  
13 for that competition; and

14 WHEREAS, Academic competition is an innovative and creative  
15 attempt to involve children, parents, educators and community

1 members in an educational forum for excellence; and

2 WHEREAS, Academic competition helps to hone the abilities and  
3 intellectual skills of students, as well as providing  
4 opportunities for incentives to continue the pursuit of  
5 excellence in education; and

6 WHEREAS, A coordinated program of academic competition has  
7 not existed in this Commonwealth, except in isolated school  
8 district programs; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare the week  
10 of April 20 through 24, 2009, as "Pennsylvania Academic  
11 Competition Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Department of Education, local school  
13 districts and intermediate units are urged to actively  
14 participate in the finals of the 18th annual Statewide  
15 Pennsylvania Academic Competition to be held in the House of  
16 Representatives Chamber on April 24, 2009.