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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BROWN, BEYER, BISHOP, DENLINGER, DIGIROLAMO,  
DONATUCCI, FABRIZIO, FRANKEL, GEIST, GOODMAN, HARHART,  
HARKINS, KORTZ, McCALL, MELIO, MILLARD, MOUL, PARKER, PAYNE,  
PAYTON, ROSS, SAINATO, STABACK, MANN, KOTIK, HENNESSEY,  
JOSEPHS AND WHITE, JUNE 9, 2009

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE 9,  
2009

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Blankenburg Royalty Chess Team for winning numerous  
2 awards in multiple local, State and national tournaments,  
3 thereby establishing the group as one of the premier chess  
4 teams in this Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, The Blankenburg Royalty Chess Team was started in  
6 the spring of 2006 with two students from the Blankenburg  
7 Elementary School located in West Philadelphia, which is  
8 comprised of students from kindergarten through eighth grade;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Through a partnership with the After School  
11 Activities Partnership (ASAP), the team obtained needed  
12 materials, and the number of team members gradually increased;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, During the 2006-2007 school year, the team made its  
15 debut in the ASAP Philadelphia Scholastic Chess League and also  
16 began to attend local chess tournaments; and

17 WHEREAS, Although inexperienced, the chess team members from

1 Blankenburg Elementary School consistently showed remarkable  
2 potential by displaying talent, resiliency and competitiveness  
3 at every competition; and

4 WHEREAS, As outside interest in the program increased, the  
5 team chose to compete in more rigorous competitions rated for  
6 higher difficulty levels; and

7 WHEREAS, The Blankenburg Royalty Chess program has quickly  
8 established itself as one of the premier chess teams in this  
9 Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, The Blankenburg Royalty Chess Team was founded on  
11 the vision, commitment, sacrifice and tenacity shared by the  
12 children and their coach; and

13 WHEREAS, The Blankenburg Royalty Chess Team members have won  
14 more than 50 trophies and 25 medals; and

15 WHEREAS, With a total of nine combined national honors to the  
16 team's credit in two years, this dynamic chess program is  
17 continuing to garner attention around the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, To their great credit, many team members have earned  
19 academic honors and several hold leadership positions both in  
20 the school and the community; and

21 WHEREAS, As a result of their involvement on the chess team,  
22 team members have shown improvement in the areas of  
23 concentration, critical thinking, patience, self-discipline,  
24 foresight and sportsmanship; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the  
26 Blankenburg Royalty Chess Team members and coach for winning  
27 numerous awards in multiple local, State and national chess  
28 tournaments and wish the team members continued success in  
29 future competitions and in becoming well-rounded citizens and  
30 promising young leaders in this Commonwealth.