THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 347 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY BRIGGS, BISHOP, BOBACK, BRENNAN, BROWN, D. COSTA, CRUZ, CUTLER, DENLINGER, DONATUCCI, ELLIS, FARRY, GEORGE, GINGRICH, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, MARKOSEK, McCALL, McGEEHAN, McILVAINE SMITH, MENSCH, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MIRABITO, M. O'BRIEN, PALLONE, PAYNE, PICKETT, READSHAW, REICHLEY, SAINATO, SANTONI, SHAPIRO, SIPTROTH, SONNEY, SWANGER, OBERLANDER, WHITE, SANTARSIERO, PASHINSKI, BRADFORD, GRUCELA, MANDERINO AND VULAKOVICH, JUNE 9, 2009

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

A RESOLUTION

Designating June 13, 2009, as "Alex's Lemonade Stand Day" in 1 Pennsylvania and encouraging all citizens to contribute to 2 3 the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation and other pediatric cancer research programs. 4 5 WHEREAS, Cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in 6 children under 20 years of age; and 7 WHEREAS, About 12,400 children are diagnosed with cancer in 8 the United States each year; and 9 WHEREAS, Due to advances in research, the childhood cancer 10 cure rate has climbed to about 80%; and 11 WHEREAS, Alexandra Scott was an extraordinary person who was 12 diagnosed with neuroblastoma, an aggressive childhood cancer, 13 two days before her first birthday; and 14 WHEREAS, In July 2000, at the age of four, Alex opened her first lemonade stand to raise money for pediatric cancer 15

1 research; and

2 WHEREAS, On August 1, 2004, Alex passed away at the age of 3 eight; and

4 WHEREAS, Since Alex's first lemonade stand in 2000, there 5 have been more than 4,000 Alex's Lemonade Stands held across 6 this nation; and

7 WHEREAS, The Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation was created to 8 accept and manage donations from all over the world; and 9 WHEREAS, By January 2007, the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation raised nearly \$10 million for pediatric cancer 10 11 research thereby far surpassing the \$1 million monetary goal 12 established by Alex before she passed away; and 13 WHEREAS, Alex's efforts have garnered national and 14 international attention and have inspired hundreds of 15 individuals to donate to pediatric cancer research; and 16 WHEREAS, The Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation continues to raise awareness and financial support for research in childhood 17 18 cancers; and

WHEREAS, During the weekend of June 14 through 16, 2009, volunteers across the country will host an Alex's Lemonade Stand to support Alex's cause in the fight to find a cure for childhood cancers; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Repersenatives designate June 13, 24 2009, as "Alex's Lemonade Stand Day" in Pennsylvania and 25 encourage all citizens to contribute to the Alex's Lemonade 26 Stand Foundation and other pediatric cancer research programs. 27

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