

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY 25, 2010

## A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the goals and ideals of "National Mentoring Month  
2 2010" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Evidence-based mentoring is a longstanding concept  
4 in which a dependable adult provides guidance, support and  
5 encouragement to facilitate a young person's social, emotional  
6 and cognitive development; and

7 WHEREAS, High-quality, evidence-based mentoring promotes  
8 positive outcomes for young people, including an increased sense  
9 of industry and competency, a boost in academic performance and  
10 self-esteem and improved social and communications skills; and

11 WHEREAS, Research shows that participation in a high-quality,  
12 evidence-based mentoring relationship successfully reduces the

1 incidence of violence, delinquency, substance abuse and academic  
2 failure in young people; and

3 WHEREAS, Research also shows that participation in a high-  
4 quality, evidence-based mentoring relationship dramatically  
5 reduces dependence on social services and results in a cost  
6 benefit to the Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Evidence-based mentoring, in addition to being  
8 beneficial for those being mentored, is also extremely rewarding  
9 for those serving as mentors; and

10 WHEREAS, Quality programs that encourage young people to  
11 learn about evidence-based mentoring and to become mentors, such  
12 as programs that recruit high school students to mentor younger  
13 children, are important and have the potential to create high-  
14 quality mentors at an early age; and

15 WHEREAS, Evidence-based mentoring relationships have grown  
16 dramatically in the past 15 years, now reaching three thousand  
17 young Pennsylvanians, because of the remarkable creativity,  
18 vigor and resourcefulness of evidence-based mentoring programs  
19 and volunteer mentors in communities throughout this  
20 Commonwealth; and

21 WHEREAS, In spite of the progress made to increase evidence-  
22 based mentoring, this Commonwealth has a serious mentoring gap,  
23 with thousands of young people currently in need of mentors; and

24 WHEREAS, A recent study confirmed that one of the most  
25 critical challenges that evidence-based mentoring programs face  
26 is recruiting enough mentors to help close the mentoring gap;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, The month-long celebration of evidence-based  
29 mentoring will encourage more individuals and organizations,  
30 including schools, businesses, nonprofit organizations, faith

1 institutions and foundations, to become engaged in evidence-  
2 based mentoring across this Commonwealth; and

3 WHEREAS, "National Mentoring Month 2010" will build awareness  
4 of evidence-based mentoring and recruit more individuals to  
5 become mentors, thus helping close this nation's mentoring gap;  
6 therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support the goals  
8 and ideals of "National Mentoring Month 2010"; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives acknowledge the  
10 diligent efforts of individuals and groups who promote evidence-  
11 based mentoring and who are observing "National Mentoring Month  
12 2010" with appropriate ceremonies and activities to further  
13 promote awareness of and volunteer involvement with youth  
14 mentoring; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize with  
16 gratitude the contributions of the millions of caring adults and  
17 students who are already volunteering as mentors and encourage  
18 more adults and students to volunteer as mentors.