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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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TARTAGLIONE, STOUT, FERLO, FONTANA, VOGEL, BAKER, O'PAKE AND  
RAFFERTY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 8, 2010

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 1, 2010, as "Census Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States requires a  
3 decennial census to determine the number of residents in the  
4 United States and within each of its states; and

5 WHEREAS, The results of the decennial census are used to  
6 apportion members of the Congress of the United States among the  
7 50 states; and

8 WHEREAS, The results of the decennial census are also used to  
9 determine the allocation of more than \$400 billion of Federal  
10 funds on an annual basis, and more than \$4 trillion of Federal  
11 funds over a ten-year period; and

12 WHEREAS, The results of the decennial census are used as the  
13 basis for drawing the boundaries of Congressional districts,  
14 state Senate districts and state House districts; and

15 WHEREAS, Census forms will be delivered to every household in  
16 the United States in March 2010; and

17 WHEREAS, The 2010 Census form includes just ten questions and

1 should take the average household about ten minutes to complete;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, All information provided through the census is  
4 confidential and protected by Federal law, with a penalty of  
5 five years in prison and a fine of \$250,000 for anyone who  
6 violates that confidentiality; and

7 WHEREAS, Responding to the census by mail and in a timely  
8 manner will save taxpayer dollars by reducing the need to pay  
9 census workers to visit households; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize April 1, 2010, as "Census  
11 Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage all residents of  
13 Pennsylvania to participate in the census by returning the  
14 census form by mail and in a timely manner.