

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 165 Session of 2011

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 31, 2011

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 4 through 8, 2011, as "Remember  
2 Alex Brown Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Alex Brown, a high school senior from Wellman,  
4 Texas, was killed in a single-car accident as she drove to what  
5 seemed like just another ordinary day of her senior year in high  
6 school in November 2009; and

7 WHEREAS, Although no other vehicles were involved, Alex Brown  
8 was not alone because the cell phone on which she had sent and  
9 received more than 10,000 text messages in the weeks preceding  
10 her accident was with her; and

11 WHEREAS, Alex Brown lost her life to texting while driving;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Alex Brown's parents established the Remember Alex  
14 Brown Foundation to help other teenagers come together from all  
15 over the country to share their stories, to learn from others

1 and to make a difference; and

2 WHEREAS, Young drivers are encouraged by the foundation to  
3 take the following pledge: "I will always Remember Alex Brown  
4 (R.A.B.) and make the commitment to not text while operating a  
5 motor vehicle. Distracted driving is dangerous and life  
6 threatening for other people and for me. I pledge to drive  
7 safely and R.A.B. (Remember Alex Brown). By signing below, I am  
8 making a conscious commitment to not text while driving and to  
9 wear my seatbelt"; and

10 WHEREAS, The Remember Alex Brown Foundation has taken a stand  
11 against the irresponsible and dangerous behavior of texting  
12 while driving, especially for our younger and less mature  
13 drivers; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
15 week of April 4 through 8, 2011, as "Remember Alex Brown Week"  
16 in Pennsylvania.