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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Anne Frank Elementary School, in the Northeast
2 region of the City of Philadelphia, on the occasion of its
3 50th anniversary for successfully meeting the challenges of
4 serving a uniquely diverse student population and for
5 preparing students to be contributing members of society in
6 this Commonwealth.

7 WHEREAS, The Anne Frank Elementary School, located in the
8 Northeast region of the City of Philadelphia and serving
9 preschool to fifth-grade students, is named for the historically
10 well-known and highly regarded teenager, Anne Frank; and

11 WHEREAS, Born in 1929, Anne Frank was a courageous Dutch-
12 Jewish girl who wrote a diary during World War II that
13 chronicled her life while she and her family hid for more than
14 700 days from the Nazis; and

15 WHEREAS, Formerly known as the Bustleton Elementary School,
16 the Anne Frank Elementary School was renamed in 1987 to provide
17 an appropriate role model to young people who attend the school;
18 and

1 WHEREAS, Although Ms. Frank was eventually captured and died
2 during 1945 in a Nazi concentration camp at the young age of 15,
3 she is remembered for her tremendous courage and for never
4 despairing, even as she firmly embraced her hopes and dreams and
5 recorded them in her diary; and

6 WHEREAS, After her untimely death, Ms. Frank's diary was
7 published in English in 1952 as "The Diary of A Young Girl," and
8 this book has inspired generations of young readers in the
9 decades since; and

10 WHEREAS, The Anne Frank Elementary School is unique for its
11 diverse student population, consisting of children from more
12 than 40 different nations reflecting a great diversity of native
13 languages; and

14 WHEREAS, The student population includes, among others,
15 Asian-Pacific, Caucasian, African-American, Hispanic and
16 multiracial students, as well as students with learning and
17 physical disabilities; and

18 WHEREAS, This highly distinctive student body presents the
19 challenge of addressing the many varied academic, social and
20 emotional needs that arise from such diversity; and

21 WHEREAS, The school's administrators, teachers and parents
22 embrace the challenges inherent in such a diverse school
23 population, and teachers and students come to school each day
24 ready and eager to meet the challenge of a rigorous learning
25 environment; and

26 WHEREAS, The Anne Frank Elementary School's professional
27 educators who serve preschool to fifth-grade students take a
28 holistic approach to educate the students; and

29 WHEREAS, Such a holistic approach includes fostering a
30 nurturing environment that encourages children to be lifelong

1 readers and learners and that builds an appreciation of the
2 basics of learning, the arts, physical well-being, technology
3 and helping others; and

4 WHEREAS, The Anne Frank Elementary School has a record
5 spanning five decades of successfully preparing its students,
6 both academically and socially, to be able to succeed in life
7 and to contribute to the improvement of society; and

8 WHEREAS, It is altogether appropriate that this fine school,
9 named in honor of the life of Anne Frank, embrace its diverse
10 student population and have as its core mission to nurture,
11 encourage and protect the hopes and dreams of its young students
12 and to serve as a beacon of hope for the community; therefore be
13 it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the Anne
15 Frank Elementary School, in the Northeast region of the City of
16 Philadelphia, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary for
17 successfully meeting the challenges of serving a uniquely
18 diverse student population and for preparing students to be
19 contributing members of society in this Commonwealth.