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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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NOVEMBER 1, 2011

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
NOVEMBER 1, 2011

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of November 14 through 18, 2011, as  
2 "Juvenile Detention Centers Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's 18 secure detention centers serving  
4 the 67 counties of this Commonwealth should be recognized for  
5 their ongoing protection of our communities and the care of  
6 youth in their custody; and

7 WHEREAS, These facilities provide 739 beds Statewide for more  
8 than 15,000 admissions to juvenile detention each year in this  
9 Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, The existence of these facilities provides a key  
11 service to ensure community and individual protection; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's juvenile detention centers, adhering  
13 to the Balanced and Restorative Justice Model, contribute to  
14 public safety by providing a stable environment for at-risk  
15 youth, both preadjudicated and adjudicated, providing education  
16 and programming and ensuring sufficient opportunities for growth

1 and development of Pennsylvania's youth; and

2 WHEREAS, Through the continuing efforts of the juvenile  
3 courts of Pennsylvania, juvenile detention is utilized only when  
4 lesser restrictive environments are not in the best interest of  
5 the youth or community; and

6 WHEREAS, Juvenile detention ensures every child's health and  
7 well-being by providing competency development, self-discipline  
8 and stabilization through comprehensive evaluations of both  
9 physical and behavioral health and community involvement; and

10 WHEREAS, Hundreds of men and women are dedicated to ensuring  
11 the proper care and supervision of the youth and are committed  
12 to the protection of Pennsylvania's communities on a daily  
13 basis; and

14 WHEREAS, Youth care workers in Pennsylvania detention  
15 facilities stand ready on a daily basis to respond to youth who  
16 display an array of unresolved mental health, behavioral,  
17 educational and emotional issues; and

18 WHEREAS, The Juvenile Detention Centers Association of  
19 Pennsylvania acts as the sole resource for these facilities,  
20 offering education, representation and support for all of the  
21 important services that juvenile detention centers provide for  
22 this Commonwealth's youth and communities; and

23 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's juvenile detention centers, in  
24 coordination with the Juvenile Detention Centers Association of  
25 Pennsylvania, merit one week of recognition for their unending  
26 services aimed at protecting our communities and assisting  
27 Pennsylvania's youth; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
29 week of November 14 through 18, 2011, as "Juvenile Detention  
30 Centers Week" in Pennsylvania.