

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE  
11, 2012

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating July 11, 2012, as "Safe Haven Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, On July 11, 2001, an infant was found in a garbage  
3 dumping bin compactor at the Sunbury Municipal Waste Transfer  
4 Station; and

5 WHEREAS, The infant, given the name "Baby Mary," was murdered  
6 by her mother shortly after her birth; and

7 WHEREAS, The public outcry over the murder of "Baby Mary" led  
8 the General Assembly to pass the Safe Haven Act of 2002; and

9 WHEREAS, The Safe Haven Act of 2002, also known as the  
10 Newborn Protection Act, allows parents of a newborn to leave the  
11 newborn in the care of a hospital without fear of criminal  
12 liability provided that certain criteria are met; and

13 WHEREAS, The goal of the act is to find a safe and permanent  
14 home for all newborns; and

15 WHEREAS, The act has been credited with saving the lives of

1 numerous children; and

2 WHEREAS, July 11, 2012, will mark the 11th anniversary of the  
3 birth and death of "Baby Mary"; and

4 WHEREAS, It is fitting to remember "Baby Mary" and to  
5 recognize the law she inspired, which has saved numerous  
6 children in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate July  
8 11, 2012, as "Safe Haven Day" in Pennsylvania.