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SEPTEMBER 26, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 2012 as "Pennsylvania's Promise for Children
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, There are approximately 730,000 children from birth
4 to five years of age in Pennsylvania today; and

5 WHEREAS, A young child's brain forms 700 neural synapses a
6 second, and the circuits for key functions such as vision,
7 hearing, language and higher cognitive function develop most in
8 the first five years of life; and

9 WHEREAS, The creation of these circuits is affected by a
10 child's early learning environment; and

11 WHEREAS, Quality early learning and child development play a
12 major role in a child's future success in school and in life;
13 and

1 WHEREAS, Young children learn best when they have proper
2 health and nutrition, a safe and stable family and home life and
3 activities that stimulate creativity, curiosity and all the
4 skills they will need to succeed in school and in life; and

5 WHEREAS, Forty years of research show that children receiving
6 high quality early education are more likely to be prepared for
7 and do better in school, graduate high school, attend college or
8 job training and be better prepared for a competitive work
9 force; and

10 WHEREAS, Talking, reading and playing with children from
11 birth builds the language, math and social skills they need to
12 be ready for kindergarten; and

13 WHEREAS, Choosing quality early learning programs like
14 Keystone STARS, Pre-K Counts, Head Start, Early Intervention,
15 Nurse-Family Partnership and Parent-Child Home Program which
16 partner with families and provide children with good teachers
17 and learning activities sparks creativity and a love for
18 learning so they can grow and develop; and

19 WHEREAS, Every \$1 invested in quality early education saves
20 at least \$7 in special education, public assistance, corrections
21 and lost taxes; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October
23 2012 as "Pennsylvania's Promise for Children Month," recognizing
24 that every child in Pennsylvania deserves access to quality
25 early learning opportunities and that it is the responsibility
26 of every citizen of this Commonwealth to help our children reach
27 their promise.