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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 10 through 16, 2011, as "Library
2 Week 2011" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a
4 national observance sponsored by the American Library
5 Association and libraries across the country each April; and

6 WHEREAS, National Library Week celebrates the contributions
7 of libraries, librarians and library workers throughout the
8 United States; and

9 WHEREAS, All types of libraries across the country
10 participate, including school, public, academic and special
11 libraries; and

12 WHEREAS, The 2011 theme, "Create your own story @ your
13 library®," emphasizes that people can create new stories for
14 themselves, whether it is by opening a book and exploring
15 distant lands or by learning how to use new technologies to find
16 a job; and

1 WHEREAS, Families can spend hours together exploring their
2 local library for free, finding a wide variety of reading
3 materials that will rekindle memories as well as spark new
4 interests; and

5 WHEREAS, Libraries provide books, magazines, manuscripts,
6 forms and other documents for children and adults that otherwise
7 may not be available to them; and

8 WHEREAS, Libraries host a variety of programs that support
9 entrepreneurship, retraining and lifelong learning, teach all
10 forms of literacy and promote continuing education; and

11 WHEREAS, Libraries offer a world of knowledge and opportunity
12 to residents in local communities throughout this Commonwealth;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Libraries are supported by dedicated staff that help
15 visitors take advantage of the resources available to them; and

16 WHEREAS, Librarians, who are valuable community resources,
17 help people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the
18 information they need to live, learn and work; and

19 WHEREAS, According to a 2009 survey by the American Library
20 Association, 25.4 million Americans used public libraries more
21 than 20 times in the prior year compared to 20.3 million
22 Americans in 2006; and

23 WHEREAS, According to the American Library Association, many
24 public libraries help patrons complete online job applications,
25 provide access to job databases and other online resources and
26 civil service exam materials and offer software or other
27 resources to help patrons create resumes and other employment
28 materials; and

29 WHEREAS, "National Library Week" encourages all residents to
30 visit their local library to take advantage of the wonderful

1 resources available to them and to create their own story;

2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of April 10

4 through 16, 2011, as "Library Week 2011" in Pennsylvania.