

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 417 Session of  
2013

INTRODUCED BY CLYMER, SONNEY, B. BOYLE, DIGIROLAMO, COHEN,  
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FLECK, BROWNLEE, ADOLPH, ROCK, KORTZ, DENLINGER, SWANGER,  
GROVE, MURT AND NEILSON, AUGUST 8, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
AUGUST 8, 2013

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Alliance of Approved  
2 Private Schools.

3 WHEREAS, The Alliance of Approved Private Schools is not-for-  
4 profit organization under section 501(c)(3) and (6) of the  
5 Internal Revenue Code that represents 29 of the 31 licensed and  
6 approved private schools in this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Approved private schools serve students with the  
8 most severe disabilities who, due to the nature, severity and  
9 complexity of their disabilities, cannot be appropriately served  
10 in public school special education programs; and

11 WHEREAS, Approved private schools commit a substantial amount  
12 of private funds, resources and technical assistance in support  
13 of children with special needs within this Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, It would be cost prohibitive for public schools to  
15 provide the unique special education services offered by

1 approved private schools; and

2 WHEREAS, Approved private schools provide highly specialized  
3 and effective therapeutic programs to more than 4,000 students  
4 in this Commonwealth between 2 and 21 years of age; and

5 WHEREAS, Approved private schools serve approximately 1.3% of  
6 the special education students in this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Approved private schools serve children with 1 or  
8 more of the 14 categories of disabilities defined under the  
9 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Public Law 91-230,  
10 20 U.S.C § 1400 et seq.); and

11 WHEREAS, Approved private schools have been a leading special  
12 education resource in this Commonwealth for 50 years; therefore  
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
15 50th anniversary of the Alliance of Approved Private Schools.