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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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GINGRICH, MURT, HANNA, WATSON, GILLEN AND ROEBUCK,  
MARCH 6, 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 6, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 7, 2015, as "National Healthy Schools Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, National Healthy Schools Day observances in  
4 communities nationwide highlight the impact of school facilities  
5 and the school environment on child health, development and  
6 academic achievement; and

7 WHEREAS, A healthy learning environment heightens student  
8 attendance and student performance; and

9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is committed to the health of all  
10 students in public school districts, charter schools,  
11 intermediate units, career and technical education schools and  
12 area vocational-technical schools; and

13 WHEREAS, The Department of Education, the Department of  
14 Health and other State agencies promote healthy schools policies

1 in cooperation with school officials and community partners; and

2 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has implemented guidelines to  
3 prevent or resolve indoor air quality problems in public school  
4 facilities, where young children and children with special needs  
5 are especially vulnerable to toxic mold and chemical exposure,  
6 which can affect their development, cause upper respiratory  
7 illnesses and contribute to learning disabilities; and

8 WHEREAS, Indoor air quality can also affect attendance,  
9 concentration and performance by both children and teachers who  
10 normally spend between 30 to 50 hours each week in school  
11 buildings; and

12 WHEREAS, A goal of National Healthy Schools Day is to raise  
13 awareness regarding air quality in our schools and to encourage  
14 schools to improve air quality by providing better ventilation,  
15 maintenance and cleaning of heating, ventilation and air  
16 conditioning systems and by using nontoxic cleaning products;  
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April  
19 7, 2015, as "National Healthy Schools Day" in Pennsylvania.