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APRIL 6, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 6, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 4 through 8, 2016, as "Youth
2 Violence Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Research studies have revealed that this
4 Commonwealth has more people serving prison sentences of life
5 without parole for crimes committed as juveniles than any other
6 jurisdiction in the world; and

7 WHEREAS, The National Association of Students Against
8 Violence Everywhere (SAVE) and The Guidance Group have united to
9 become the founding partners of the National Youth Violence
10 Prevention Campaign; and

11 WHEREAS, The overarching goal of the National Youth Violence
12 Prevention Campaign is to raise awareness and to educate
13 students, teachers, school administrators, counselors, school
14 resource officers, school staff, parents and the public on

1 effective ways to prevent and reduce youth violence; and

2 WHEREAS, The National Youth Violence Prevention Campaign
3 promotes a weeklong initiative consisting of activities and
4 interactive workshops that strive to demonstrate the positive
5 role that young people can have in making their schools and
6 communities safer places to live; and

7 WHEREAS, Each day of the weeklong campaign focuses on a
8 different violence prevention strategy, such as promoting
9 respect and tolerance, managing one's anger, peacefully
10 resolving conflict, supporting safety and uniting in action; and

11 WHEREAS, The National Youth Violence Prevention Campaign
12 galvanizes youth and their communities at large to recognize and
13 take a stand against prejudice, bullying, disrespect and risky
14 behaviors in order to break the systemic chain of violence;
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
17 week of April 4 through 8, 2016, as "Youth Violence Prevention
18 Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all schools
20 and youth organizations and programs within this Commonwealth to
21 observe "Youth Violence Prevention Week" so that youths
22 Statewide have the opportunity to learn methods to make their
23 schools and communities safer and so students, teachers, school
24 administrators, counselors, school resource officers, school
25 staff, parents and the public may learn effective ways to
26 prevent or reduce youth violence; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the
28 sponsors and organizers of the National Youth Violence
29 Prevention Campaign for conducting the initiative and preparing
30 and compiling the information, materials and resources that

1 schools, organizations and communities can use for the week and
2 throughout the year by visiting the publicly accessible Internet
3 website, www.nationalsave.org.