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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 816 Session of  
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BULLOCK, APRIL 14, 2016

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 14, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing six schools in the Pennsbury School District in  
2 Bucks County for their selection as State Schools of  
3 Character for 2016.

4 WHEREAS, Six schools were selected as State Schools of  
5 Character for 2016 by the Pennsylvania affiliate of  
6 Character.org, a national advocate and leader for the character  
7 education movement in schools; and

8 WHEREAS, The six schools selected as State Schools of  
9 Character for 2016 include Pennsbury High School, Eleanor  
10 Roosevelt Elementary School, Makefield Elementary School, Manor  
11 Elementary School, Penn Valley Elementary School and Walt Disney  
12 Elementary School; and

13 WHEREAS, As a result of selection as a State School of  
14 Character, each of these six schools will be considered by  
15 Character.org for national recognition as a National School of  
16 Character; and

1       WHEREAS, The State Schools and Districts of Character program  
2 recognizes excellence and growth in the area of student  
3 character development through the application of the 11  
4 Principles of Effective Character Education; and

5       WHEREAS, These principles are utilized as a guide for  
6 educators and community leaders who serve as role models in  
7 positively shaping the social, emotional and character  
8 development of students, including their work relating to  
9 curriculum integration, parent and community partnerships,  
10 extra-curricular activities and staff development; and

11       WHEREAS, These dedicated professionals seek to create a  
12 "culture of caring" in which students feel safe, respected and  
13 connected to those around them, are allowed to thrive  
14 academically and socially and are inspired and empowered to be  
15 ethical and engaged citizens who are motivated to contribute to  
16 their communities; and

17       WHEREAS, In 2015, seven Pennsbury Schools were recognized as  
18 State Schools of Character and National Schools of Character,  
19 including the Afton, Edgewood, Fallsington, Oxford Valley and  
20 Quarry Hill Elementary Schools and the Pennwood and William Penn  
21 Middle Schools; and

22       WHEREAS, In 2015, the Pennsbury School District was selected  
23 by Character.org as a State School District of Character and as  
24 a National School District of Character; and

25       WHEREAS, In 2014, the Charles Boehm Middle School in the  
26 Pennsbury School District was selected as a State School of  
27 Character and as a National School of Character; and

28       WHEREAS, In addition, each Pennsbury School District school  
29 named in 2014 and 2015 was recognized as a National School of  
30 Character during the first year of application, which

1 recognition is an unprecedented accomplishment in the history of  
2 Character.org; and

3 WHEREAS, What this devoted team of Pennsbury School District  
4 leaders has accomplished is unprecedented in the history of  
5 Character.org for the reason that every school in the district  
6 and the district as a whole has achieved State School of  
7 Character status in only three years; and

8 WHEREAS, The bestowal of these multiple awards upon the  
9 Pennsbury School District is an affirmation that the district's  
10 administrators and teachers are fulfilling their mission to  
11 increase student achievement and positively influence the  
12 character development of all students; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
14 administrators, teachers and students in the Pennsbury High  
15 School, Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School, Makefield  
16 Elementary School, Manor Elementary School, Penn Valley  
17 Elementary School and Walt Disney Elementary School in the  
18 Pennsbury School District in Bucks County for their  
19 contributions leading to their schools' selection as a State  
20 School of Character for 2016 by Character.org; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the  
22 Pennsbury School District's team of leaders for their commitment  
23 to character education for every student in the school district,  
24 which led to each school in the district being selected as a  
25 State School of Character, and to the Pennsbury School District  
26 being selected as a State School District of Character.