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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 18 through 24, 2016, as "Child
2 Passenger Safety Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Every year, thousands of children are tragically
4 injured or killed in car crashes; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the National Highway Traffic Safety
6 Administration (NHTSA), car crashes are the leading cause of
7 death for children up to 12 years of age; and

8 WHEREAS, According to NHTSA for every hour in 2014, there
9 were 109 children involved in a car crash, and approximately 13
10 of those children were either injured or killed; and

11 WHEREAS, Chances of major injuries and death can be greatly
12 reduced when younger children are placed in properly installed
13 car or booster seats and older children wear seat belts; and

14 WHEREAS, Providing safety information and car seat

1 instructions for parents and caregivers is crucial to saving
2 young lives; and

3 WHEREAS, Studies have shown child safety seats, when properly
4 installed, can reduce the risk of deaths of infants by 71% and
5 toddlers by 54%; and

6 WHEREAS, For rear-facing car seats, the most common misuse
7 relates to the recline angle, which should be more than 30
8 degrees for children under 1 year of age; and

9 WHEREAS, For forward-facing car seats, loose installation
10 that allows the seat to move more than two inches sideways,
11 forward or backward when pushed or pulled at the belt path is
12 the most prevalent misuse; and

13 WHEREAS, For booster seats, lap belts are commonly improperly
14 placed across a child's abdomen or ribcage; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2014, approximately 24% of children between 4 and
16 7 years of age were prematurely transitioned to seat belts and
17 9% were left unbuckled; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
19 week of September 18 through 24, 2016, as "Child Passenger Safety
20 Week" in Pennsylvania to draw attention to this critical issue;
21 and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That parents and caregivers need to make certain
23 that children are properly buckled up on every trip, every time;
24 and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That parents and caregivers need to be aware that
26 the proper use of car seats and seat belts save lives and offer
27 the best protection for children in car crashes.