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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 12 through 18, 2015, as "National
2 Library Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In the mid-1950s, research showed that Americans
4 were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions and
5 musical instruments; and

6 WHEREAS, Concerned that Americans were reading less, the
7 American Library Association and the American Book Publishers
8 formed a nonprofit citizens organization with the goal of
9 encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time to
10 improve income and health and develop strong and healthy family
11 life; and

12 WHEREAS, First sponsored in 1958, "National Library Week" is
13 a national observance sponsored by the American Library
14 Association and libraries across the country each April; and

15 WHEREAS, "National Library Week" celebrates the valuable
16 contributions of libraries, librarians and staff and the

1 services and resources they provide to people of all ages
2 throughout the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, All types of libraries across the country
4 participate, including school, public, academic and special
5 libraries; and

6 WHEREAS, Libraries have something for everyone and have
7 evolved to meet the needs of all members of the community; and

8 WHEREAS, Libraries have worked hard to transform over time
9 and to become more than a repository for books by meeting the
10 demands of a technology-based society with such items as e-books
11 and audio books, computer stations, audio and video streaming
12 and other digital resources; and

13 WHEREAS, The 2015 theme, "Unlimited possibilities @ your
14 library," illustrates that libraries open up a world of
15 possibilities to help individuals, communities and schools
16 accomplish their goals and dreams; and

17 WHEREAS, The theme also demonstrates that libraries and
18 librarians remain powerful resources for the residents of this
19 Commonwealth because these valuable services and tools are
20 available to all individuals regardless of race, ethnicity,
21 creed, age, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or
22 socioeconomic status; and

23 WHEREAS, Libraries in this Commonwealth serve millions of
24 visitors each year and conduct hundreds of thousands of programs
25 for children, parents, entrepreneurs, senior citizens and
26 students; and

27 WHEREAS, Services often include resume writing classes,
28 homework help, financial planning tools like student loans or
29 retirement, employment material, registering for health care or
30 learning how to work the latest technology; and

1 WHEREAS, "National Library Week" encourages all residents to
2 visit their local library to take advantage of the wonderful
3 resources and opportunities and a future of unlimited
4 possibilities; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of April 12
6 through 18, 2015, as "National Library Week" in Pennsylvania.