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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 9, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 21 through 27, 2017, as "Character  
2 Development Reminder Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Constitution of Pennsylvania, this  
4 Commonwealth's foundational document, recognizes and celebrates  
5 some of the qualities of character which are fundamental to the  
6 success of representative democracy, including peace, faith,  
7 tolerance and respect; and

8 WHEREAS, Recognition and promotion of exemplary character is  
9 an important part of the fabric of State government; and

10 WHEREAS, There are numerous House resolutions introduced to  
11 honor the character of individuals and institutions; and

12 WHEREAS, The figures over the second floor entrance to the  
13 House Chamber represent "Truth" and "Justice"; and

14 WHEREAS, The William Penn quote inscribed around the State  
15 Capitol Rotunda includes the reminder, "That we may do the thing  
16 that is truly wise and just"; and

17 WHEREAS, The statuary figures located to the left of the main

1 doors to the State Capitol Building are entitled "Labor and  
2 Love/The Unbroken Law" and represent work and brotherhood; and

3 WHEREAS, The painting entitled "Divine Law," above the center  
4 door of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court chamber, includes the  
5 words "love" and "wisdom"; and

6 WHEREAS, Character reflects those universal principles of  
7 moral strength and integrity that lead to good people and good  
8 societies; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
10 week of May 21 through 27, 2017, as "Character Development  
11 Reminder Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives promote character  
13 development for the mutual benefit of both individuals and civil  
14 society; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
16 the Department of Education of the Commonwealth in order to  
17 promote character development in Pennsylvania schools.