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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 6, 2018

A RESOLUTION

- Recognizing the week of April 8 through 14, 2018, as "National Library Week" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, "National Library Week" is a national observance
- 4 sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries
- 5 across the country each April; and
- 6 WHEREAS, "National Library Week" celebrates the valuable
- 7 contributions of libraries, librarians and library staff and the
- 8 services and resources that they provide to people of all ages
- 9 throughout the United States; and
- 10 WHEREAS, All types of libraries across the country
- 11 participate, including school, public, academic and special
- 12 libraries; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Libraries do more than house resources, having long
- 14 served as trusted and treasured institutions, and librarians and

- 1 library staff fuel efforts to better serve their communities,
- 2 campuses and schools; and
- 3 WHEREAS, With the cooperation of the American Library
- 4 Association and the Advertising Council, the first "National
- 5 Library Week" was observed in 1958 with the theme "Wake Up and
- 6 Read!"; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The 2018 theme, "Libraries Lead." highlights how
- 8 libraries and librarians are looking beyond their traditional
- 9 roles to provide more opportunities for community engagement and
- 10 deliver new services that connect closely with patrons' needs;
- 11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, Libraries and librarians are opening up a world of
- 13 possibilities through innovative STEAM programming, makerspaces,
- 14 job-seeking resources and the power of reading; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Libraries support democracy and effect social change
- 16 through their commitment to provide equitable access to
- 17 information for all library patrons regardless of race,
- 18 ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity
- 19 or socioeconomic status; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Libraries in Pennsylvania serve millions of visitors
- 21 and conduct programs for children, parents, entrepreneurs,
- 22 senior citizens and students; and
- 23 WHEREAS, "National Library Week" encourages all residents to
- 24 visit a local library to take advantage of the wonderful
- 25 resources and the world of knowledge and opportunity offered
- 26 within; therefore be it
- 27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
- 28 week of April 8 through 14, 2018, as "National Library Week" in
- 29 Pennsylvania.