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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Midd-West School District on achieving model
2 school status for its outstanding implementation of the PATHS
3 program.

4 WHEREAS, Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS) is
5 a comprehensive program for promoting emotional and social
6 competencies and reducing aggression and behavioral problems in
7 elementary school-aged children while simultaneously enhancing
8 the educational process in the classroom; and

9 WHEREAS, PATHS Education Worldwide announced that Midd-West
10 School District has achieved model school status for its
11 outstanding implementation of the PATHS program; and

12 WHEREAS, PATHS is the most researched social and emotional
13 learning program in the world and has been implemented in 35
14 countries; and

15 WHEREAS, The PATHS program is a skill-based program to
16 prevent aggression and promote well-being; and

17 WHEREAS, The PATHS program has proven in multiple studies to

1 help students to improve social competence and school engagement
2 resulting in both academic and social gains; and

3 WHEREAS, The cost-benefit analysis conducted by the
4 Washington Institute of Public Policy estimates that for each \$1
5 that a community spends to implement the PATHS program, the
6 community receives a return of \$21.24 as a result of the
7 positive program outcomes on both behavior and learning; and

8 WHEREAS, Dorothy Morelli, the CEO of PATHS Education
9 Worldwide, noted that the "Mid-West School District has
10 garnered this international award by mastering the PATHS
11 Education Worldwide benchmarks. Reaching these benchmarks
12 demonstrates exceptional use of the program not only in the
13 classroom but also improving the school culture and engaging
14 parents. We applaud the school's administrators and teachers for
15 the exceptional goal they have accomplished to implement the
16 program with fidelity."; and

17 WHEREAS, The ceremony for the model school plaque
18 presentation occurred in Chicago on May 3, 2018, at the PATHS
19 Education Worldwide International PATHS Conference, with seven
20 countries represented during the conference; and

21 WHEREAS, The Mid-West School District was able to implement
22 the PATHS program with grant funding provided by the
23 Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency; and

24 WHEREAS, The Mid-West School District merits distinction and
25 praise for implementing the PATHS program with an excellent
26 level of fidelity and for exceeding expectations in multiple
27 areas; and

28 WHEREAS, The program developed by Mid-West School District
29 adheres to the PATHS model and can serve as a basis for others
30 desiring to implement the PATHS program; and

1 WHEREAS, Through the PATHS program, the Midd-West School
2 District is achieving all required deliverables and is expected
3 to produce positive future outcomes resulting from the
4 implementation of the PATHS program; and

5 WHEREAS, The Midd-West School District has embraced the PATHS
6 philosophy and remains committed to implementation, which has
7 resulted in its excellent performance in integrating PATHS into
8 all subject areas as well as with positive behavioral
9 interventions and supports; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
11 Midd-West School District on achieving model school status for
12 its outstanding implementation of the PATHS program; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate
15 Midd-West School District and its administrators and teachers on
16 improving school culture and engaging parents in successfully
17 reaching benchmarks under the PATHS program.