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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating the week of October 6 through 12, 2008, as "Learn
- 2 and Serve Challenge Week" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's youth make important contributions to
- 4 the State's welfare every day of the year, and this Commonwealth
- 5 depends on youth as vital community assets; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Service-learning, an effective teaching method that
- 7 combines service to the community with curriculum-based
- 8 learning, is a hands-on approach to mastering subject material
- 9 while fostering civic responsibility; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Research has shown that service-learning has an
- 11 enduring positive impact on students' academic achievement,
- 12 personal and social development and civic engagement,
- 13 particularly among students from disadvantaged backgrounds; and
- 14 WHEREAS, The historically high level of volunteering
- 15 demonstrated by America's youth has been attributed in part to
- 16 the growth of service-learning in our nation's schools; and
- 1 WHEREAS, Young people will greatly benefit from expanded
- 2 opportunities to engage in meaningful service-learning; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Young people should be viewed as the hope, not only
- 4 of the future, but also of today, and should be valued for the
- 5 idealism, energy, creativity and commitment they bring to the
- 6 challenges in their communities; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Through service-learning, young people build
- 8 character and learn valuable skills that are sought by
- 9 employers, including time management, teamwork, needs-assessment
- 10 and leadership; therefore be it
- 11 RESOLVED, That the week of October 6 through 12, 2008, be
- 12 devoted to the recognition of everyone who contributes to the
- 13 civic and academic engagement of this Commonwealth's young
- 14 people; and be it further
- 15 RESOLVED, That the week of October 6 through 12, 2008, be
- 16 designated as "Learn and Serve Challenge Week" in Pennsylvania.