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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 10 through 16, 2016, 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, a
7 nonprofit citizens organization was formed with the goal of
8 encouraging people to read in their leisure time to improve
9 income and health and develop a strong and healthy family life;
10 and

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

14 WHEREAS, "National Library Week" celebrates the valuable
15 contributions of libraries, librarians and staff and the
16 services and resources they provide to people of all ages

1 throughout the United States; and

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

5 WHEREAS, The 2016 theme, "Libraries Transform," illustrates
6 that libraries help individuals, communities and schools find
7 the resources they need to help them accomplish their goals and
8 dreams; and

9 WHEREAS, This year's theme is especially relevant since
10 libraries are no longer just a repository for books but are also
11 meeting the demands of a technology-based society with such
12 items as e-books and audio books, computer stations, audio and
13 video streaming and other digital resources; and

14 WHEREAS, At the same time, libraries continue to serve as
15 trusted and treasured institutions, with library workers and
16 librarians contributing their efforts to better their
17 communities and schools; and

18 WHEREAS, Libraries support democracy and effect social change
19 through their commitment to provide equitable access to
20 information for all users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed,
21 age, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or
22 socioeconomic status; and

23 WHEREAS, Libraries help transform patrons' lives by providing
24 services such as resume-writing classes, homework help,
25 financial planning tools for student loans or for retirement,
26 employment material, registering for health care or learning how
27 to work the latest technology; and

28 WHEREAS, "National Library Week" encourages all residents to
29 visit their local library to take advantage of the wonderful
30 resources available to them, offering a world of knowledge and

1 opportunities and a future of unlimited possibilities; therefore

2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of April 10

4 through 16, 2016, as "National Library Week" in Pennsylvania.