THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY SCHLOSSBERG, BOROWSKI, GUENST, HILL-EVANS, KHAN, M. MACKENZIE, MADDEN, MARCELL, MCNEILL, SANCHEZ, SOLOMON AND WARREN, APRIL 27, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, APRIL 27, 2023

A RESOLUTION

- Designating the week of May 7 through 13, 2023, as "Jewish Day Schools Week" in Pennsylvania and expressing appreciation and gratitude to Jewish day schools across this Commonwealth.
- 4 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is home to 30 Jewish day schools;
- 5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, Enrollment in Jewish day schools in this
- 7 Commonwealth is at an all-time high; and
- 8 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is home to more than 440,000
- 9 people of Jewish faith or ancestry who have strengthened the
- 10 fabric of this Commonwealth and whose community schools help to
- 11 continue passing the culture, religion and language to future
- 12 generations of Jewish Pennsylvanians; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Jewish education plays a unique role in the
- 14 continued vitality of the American Jewish community, providing a
- 15 sense of Jewish pride and an immersive and content-rich Jewish
- 16 environment that has impacted generations of Jewish learners and
- 17 leaders; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Jewish day schools, like Jewish houses of worship

- 1 and other Jewish institutions, have increasingly been the target
- 2 of antisemitic attacks and threats of violence; and
- 3 WHEREAS, In the face of antisemitism, many Jewish families
- 4 value Jewish day schools for offering a supportive community
- 5 where children are nurtured, an environment that promotes Jewish
- 6 values and a quality education; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Jewish day schools provide a conduit for outreach to
- 8 the worldwide Jewish community, promote foreign exchange
- 9 educational opportunities for members of overseas communities to
- 10 study in this Commonwealth and provide a connection to Jewish
- 11 congregations abroad; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Jewish day schools expand opportunities in
- 13 Pennsylvania and local communities for bilingual education and
- 14 intercultural exchange; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Jewish day schools have taught many individuals who
- 16 have contributed to the culture of this Commonwealth, the United
- 17 States and the world, such as Seth Rogen, Natalie Portman, Jake
- 18 Tapper, Ralph Lauren and others; therefore be it
- 19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
- 20 week of May 7 through 13, 2023, as "Jewish Day Schools Week" in
- 21 Pennsylvania and express appreciation and gratitude to Jewish
- 22 day schools across this Commonwealth.