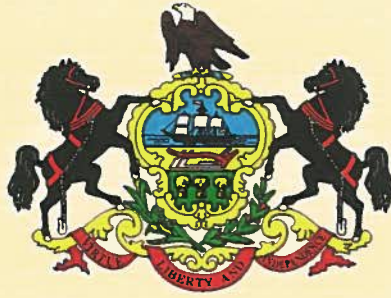


# House of Representatives



## COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

*In the House, March 26, 2012*

*Whereas, Parental Alienation is the psychological term used to denote the unacceptable manipulative process used by a parent to alienate a child from the other parent by encouraging the child to hate that parent; and*

*Whereas, This process is most often used in the course of the parents' divorce; and*

*Whereas, While divorce is the most common situation when Parental Alienation is used, it also has been known to happen during the course of unhappy marriages that do not end in divorce, as one parent seeks the exclusive companionship and alliance of the children or of a particular child in the family; and*

*Whereas, Parental Alienation is a form of child abuse because it denies a child, through cruel manipulation, a loving and supportive relationship with both parents; and*

*Whereas, The unhappiness bred by Parental Alienation has been known to lead to child kidnapping, murder and suicide, and such incidents have been reported notoriously on television and in newspapers; and*

*Whereas, Awareness of Parental Alienation and its negative consequences will help to lessen its occurrence; therefore be it*

*Resolved, That the House of Representatives designate the month of April 2012 as "Parental Alienation Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.*

*I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 582, introduced by Murt, Bishop, Caltagirone, Cohen, D. Costa, Creighton, DiGirolamo, Donatucci, Geist, Gillespie, Gingrich, Godshall, Harhart, Hennessey, Hess, Hickernell, Killion, Mahoney, Major, Mann, Millard,*

*Mustio, Rapp, Readshaw, Sonney, Swanger, Toohil, Vereb, Vitali, Uolakovich,  
Watson, Youngblood and Masser.*



*Samuel H. Smith*  
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*Samuel H. Smith, Speaker*