Whereas, Pennsylvania attorneys provide legal assistance at low or no cost, commonly referred to as "pro bono" work, to more than 100,000 low-income clients each year, including 10,000 mortgage foreclosure cases and 12,000 domestic violence cases; and

Whereas, The eighth annual "National Pro Bono Week" will be celebrated at the end of October 2016; and

Whereas, "National Pro Bono Week" is an opportunity to highlight the differences attorneys make in their communities, to recruit and train more pro bono volunteers and to acknowledge the partnerships that form the basis for many of the private bar’s most successful pro bono efforts; and

Whereas, The Pennsylvania Bar Association is joining with the American Bar Association to sponsor this October’s annual "National Pro Bono Week" celebrations; and

Whereas, "National Pro Bono Week" provides numerous opportunities to highlight the good work Pennsylvania attorneys do for the neediest among us; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania is a leader in celebrating "National Pro Bono Week" with recurring annual events at many sites across this Commonwealth, from already scheduled events such as the Berks County Pro Bono Celebration on October 25, 2016, in Reading and the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Statewide Jeans for Justice initiative on October 28, 2016, to many more events still in the planning; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives designate the week of October 23 through 29, 2016, as "Pro Bono Week" in Pennsylvania.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1020, introduced by Cutler, Bizzarro, Baker, Hennessy, Cook, Artis, Driscoll, Joe,

Mike Turzai, Speaker