

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY McNALLY, TRELLO, GIGLIOTTI, KAISER, MICHLOVIC,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, APRIL 4, 1990

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Mobay Corporation for its refusal to supply
2 chemicals which may be used in chemical warfare, based upon a
3 socially responsible corporate policy.

4 WHEREAS, Chemical warfare is one of the most despicable forms
5 of warfare; and

6 WHEREAS, The world witnessed the hideous effects of chemical
7 warfare in World War I, beginning with the use of chlorine gas
8 near Ypres, France, on April 22, 1915, which accounted for 1.3
9 million casualties by the end of the war; and

10 WHEREAS, Civilized societies have found chemical warfare so
11 repugnant that chemical weapons have been made illegal by the
12 1925 Geneva Convention; and

13 WHEREAS, The Mobay Corporation, based in Pittsburgh, is a
14 manufacturer of thionyl chloride, which may be used as an
15 ingredient of chemical weapons; and

16 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense has demanded
17 that the Mobay Corporation supply thionyl chloride for the
18 provision of an arsenal of chemical weapons; and

1 WHEREAS, The Mobay Corporation has refused to supply thionyl
2 chloride for such a purpose, based upon a socially responsible
3 corporate policy to refrain from engaging in the manufacture or
4 supply of illegal chemical weapons; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the Mobay
6 Corporation for its courageous and principled stand in this
7 matter; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives endorse the
9 practice of adoption of corporate policies to refrain from
10 business practices which have a deleterious effect upon society,
11 even though such practices may be profitable and legal; and be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives memorialize
14 Congress to amend applicable statutes to permit companies to
15 refuse, as a matter of conscience, to supply material for
16 chemical weapons; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to the
18 Mobay Corporation, the United States Secretary of Defense and to
19 each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.