

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Leslie Fay, Inc., and the International Ladies' Garment
2 Workers' Union to put forth their best efforts to resolve
3 their collective bargaining differences.

4 WHEREAS, Leslie Fay, Inc., was founded as a dress
5 manufacturer in this Commonwealth in 1947 and is the second
6 largest manufacturer of women's clothing sold in department
7 stores, with production operations in five states; and

8 WHEREAS, The Leslie Fay label represents high quality women's
9 apparel throughout North America; and

10 WHEREAS, Women in this Commonwealth have in the past formed
11 the core of the Leslie Fay, Inc., production force; and

12 WHEREAS, The Leslie Fay workers have organized for purposes
13 of collective bargaining and mutual aid and protection and are
14 members of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union,
15 I.L.G.W.U., AFL-CIO; and

16 WHEREAS, The I.L.G.W.U. has helped the garment workers of
17 Leslie Fay, Inc., achieve better hours of work, higher wages,
18 improved job security and safer working conditions; and

1 WHEREAS, The average hourly wage of a Leslie Fay worker in
2 the United States is \$7.80 per hour. Leslie Fay contracts with
3 Guatemalan and Honduran apparel manufacturers that pay their
4 workers \$.45 per hour on average; and

5 WHEREAS, At the onset of the most recent collective
6 bargaining, Leslie Fay, Inc., announced that it would abandon
7 apparel production in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, On June 1, 1994, after unsuccessfully attempting to
9 negotiate with Leslie Fay, Inc., over wages, hours and working
10 conditions as provided by law, the Leslie Fay workers went on
11 strike; and

12 WHEREAS, On June 15, 1994, Leslie Fay, Inc., announced the
13 closing of production facilities in Plains Township, Kingston,
14 Pittston and Laflin; and

15 WHEREAS, The closing of these operations by Leslie Fay, Inc.,
16 threatens the economic well-being of the workers, their
17 communities and the northeast region of this Commonwealth and
18 further deteriorates this Commonwealth's manufacturing base;
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge both parties
21 to put forth best efforts to resolve their differences; and be
22 it further

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge Leslie Fay,
24 Inc., to take whatever steps are necessary to continue and
25 maintain production operations in this Commonwealth.