

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY READSHAW, APRIL 9, 1996

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 9, 1996

## A RESOLUTION

1 Proclaiming April 15, 1996, as "Green Neighborhood Development  
2 Day," as established by the Carrick Works Planning Forum,  
3 Carrick 2000 Task Force and Conservation Consultants, Inc.

4 WHEREAS, All of the major community groups in Carrick,  
5 including the Carrick Community Council, the Carrick Business  
6 Association, the Carrick Athletic Association, the Carrick Block  
7 Watch and the Carrick Friends of the Library, have formed the  
8 Carrick Works Planning Forum to help formulate neighborhood  
9 policy with one voice; and

10 WHEREAS, The first project of the Carrick Works Planning  
11 Forum was to establish the Carrick 2000 Task Force to commence  
12 development of a neighborhood plan to set priorities and goals  
13 as the community approaches the new century; and

14 WHEREAS, On April 15, 1996, the Carrick 2000 Task Force, led  
15 by committed citizens of Carrick and facilitated by Pat Murphy  
16 of Cornerstones for Development, will present the Carrick 2000  
17 Community Plan to the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh and the  
18 Honorable Eugene Ricciardi, the Honorable Joseph Cusick, the

1 Honorable Michael M. Dawida and the Honorable Harry A. Readshaw  
2 as resident priorities for Carrick; and

3 WHEREAS, The residents of Carrick are committed to working on  
4 goals of neighborhood beautification, business expansion,  
5 establishing a community center, expanding youth programs,  
6 keeping seniors and residents safe and ensuring that children  
7 receive a quality education close to home; and

8 WHEREAS, All of the groups' organization and commitment to  
9 working together has been recognized by Conservation  
10 Consultants, Inc., a nonprofit environmental education and  
11 service organization, with the awarding of Carrick as the first  
12 Green Neighborhood in Pittsburgh; and

13 WHEREAS, The Carrick Green Neighborhood Project will involve  
14 the entire community in the application of sustainable  
15 principles to preserve natural resources for future generations;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Sustainable development aligns environmental  
18 concerns with economic initiatives, revitalizing the community  
19 by cutting residential and commercial energy costs; and

20 WHEREAS, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, the Howard Heinz  
21 Endowment and Pennsylvania American Water Company have committed  
22 both human and financial resources for energy conservation,  
23 weatherization and green building techniques in residential and  
24 commercial buildings; and

25 WHEREAS, Two hundred homes will receive free energy surveys,  
26 and 100 of those homes will receive free weatherization through  
27 utility-sponsored programs; and

28 WHEREAS, With savings from lower utility bills estimated to  
29 average 26% on natural gas, 25% on electric and 15% on water,  
30 residents of Carrick will have more disposable income to drive

1   their local economy; and

2       WHEREAS, With lower operating costs, businesses can  
3   capitalize on economic benefits and increased productivity  
4   associated with improved interior air quality and sustainable  
5   office settings in general; and

6       WHEREAS, The holistic community design process will allow  
7   Carrick to serve as a model to be replicated by other  
8   neighborhoods in Pittsburgh and across the country; and

9       WHEREAS, Conservation Consultants, Inc., will track and  
10   publish the results of the projects, including economic,  
11   environmental and social benefits; therefore be it

12       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives proclaim April  
13   15, 1996, as "Green Neighborhood Development Day" as established  
14   by the Carrick Works Planning Forum, Carrick 2000 Task Force and  
15   Conservation Consultants, Inc.