
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 20, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Fish and
2 Boat Commission's founding of the Pennsylvania League of
3 Angling Youth (PLAY) and honoring PLAY's contributions to
4 this Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
6 administers PLAY for children ages eight to 12 to provide free
7 aquatic education and stimulate interest in fishing and boating;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Fish Commission officially titled
10 PLAY in 1980; and

11 WHEREAS, PLAY originated with aquatic education programs
12 begun in the 1960s as a way to introduce urban youth to fishing;
13 and

1 WHEREAS, As of March 2005, there are 44,500 members
2 Statewide, including 4,500 individual memberships and 40,000
3 members who participate through schools; and

4 WHEREAS, PLAY currently utilizes 14 salaried employees and
5 hundreds of volunteers who offer free educational materials,
6 classroom presentations and quarterly newsletters to each
7 member; and

8 WHEREAS, PLAY distributes an additional 35,000 publications
9 yearly at public events and trade shows; and

10 WHEREAS, PLAY provides instruction on boating and fishing
11 safety; and

12 WHEREAS, PLAY broadens youth awareness of ethical and
13 environmental concerns such as littering and overfishing; and

14 WHEREAS, PLAY assists our communities in providing mentors
15 for children so that they may pursue interests in aquatic
16 hobbies and sports; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
18 25th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's
19 founding of the Pennsylvania League of Angling Youth (PLAY) and
20 honor PLAY for making aquatic education available to children in
21 this Commonwealth.