

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, AUGUST  
22, 2011

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of August 1 through 8, 2011, as "Walk for  
2 Peace Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, On October 21, 2005, Mrs. Audri Scott Williams and  
4 the Spirit of Truth Foundation embarked upon the "Trail of  
5 Dreams World Peace Walk," which covered 17 countries and six  
6 continents and spanned the course of three and one-half years;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Upon their journey home, participants of the walk  
9 were struck by the widespread pockets of poverty and  
10 disenfranchised communities which serve as hotbeds for violence  
11 and crime; and

12 WHEREAS, On October 10, 2010, the "13 Moon Walk 4 Peace" was  
13 initiated out of concern and desire to continue to raise  
14 awareness about worldwide peace and love; and

15 WHEREAS, The beginning and ending dates for the "13 Moon Walk

1 4 Peace" were specifically chosen in an effort to align with the  
2 lunar calendar, which ancient tradition calls "the calendar of  
3 cooperation"; and

4 WHEREAS, The "13 Moon Walk 4 Peace" was solemnly commenced  
5 with the passing of the flame from the Sacred Fire of the  
6 Thunder (The Iroquois Great Law of Peace); and

7 WHEREAS, Walkers collectively departed from Atlanta, Georgia,  
8 and traveled nearly 10,000 miles to various cities and  
9 reservations throughout the country; and

10 WHEREAS, Williamsport residents David DeFebo and Mary Woods  
11 served as the national coordinators for the 13-month walk; and

12 WHEREAS, Fellow Williamsport residents Melodie Russell and  
13 Rod and Kia Bower assisted in coordinating the walk, and these  
14 five individuals comprised the "Williamsport Peace Team"; and

15 WHEREAS, The Williamsport Peace Team resolved to make a full-  
16 time commitment to the Spirit of Truth Foundation's nationwide  
17 walk to spread the message of peace and to provide a voice for  
18 the voiceless; and

19 WHEREAS, The community of Williamsport supported their spirit  
20 of volunteerism and advocacy by coordinating fundraisers in an  
21 effort to sponsor the Williamsport Peace Team's 13-month  
22 journey; and

23 WHEREAS, The Williamsport Peace Team has walked and sojourned  
24 alongside peace walkers from diverse cultures, ancestry, genders  
25 and faiths in common pursuit of inner and global peace;  
26 therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate August  
28 1 through 8, 2011, as "Walk for Peace Week" in Pennsylvania.