

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY V. BROWN, BROWNLEE, CALTAGIRONE, GEORGE, GINGRICH,
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LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MANN, MILLARD, MIRABITO, MURT, O'NEILL,
PASHINSKI, PAYTON, READSHAW, ROSS, SCAVELLO, SONNEY, SWANGER
AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 5, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL
5, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the volunteers participating in Keep Pennsylvania
2 Beautiful's Great American Cleanup of PA from March 1 through
3 May 31, 2012.

4 WHEREAS, The Great American Cleanup of PA is celebrating its
5 eighth year of involving people throughout this Commonwealth in
6 the cleanup of litter and trash along our roadsides, streams,
7 beaches, parks, forests and neighborhoods to make our
8 communities clean and beautiful; and

9 WHEREAS, Last year, 159,922 volunteers from all 67 counties
10 of this Commonwealth participated in 4,222 events as part of the
11 Great American Cleanup of PA; and

12 WHEREAS, Volunteers collected 354,267 bags, or 7,085,340
13 pounds, of trash, cleaned 13,140 miles of roads, railroad
14 tracks, trails, waterways or shorelines and 5,887 acres of parks
15 or wetlands and planted 3,321 trees, bulbs and plants in an
16 effort to keep Pennsylvania beautiful; and

1 WHEREAS, Since 2004, more than 1.2 million volunteers have
2 participated in the cleanups, collecting more than 61 million
3 pounds of litter and waste, cleaning 106,000 miles of roads and
4 planting more than 76,000 trees, bulbs and flowers in this
5 Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, The Great American Cleanup of PA was organized with
7 the help of a broad partnership of State agencies, nonprofit
8 groups, businesses and other associations, including Keep
9 America Beautiful, the Department of Environmental Protection,
10 the Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania Beverage
11 Association, the Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association, the
12 Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association, Waste Management,
13 Keystone Sanitary Landfill, the Steel Recycling Institute, the
14 American Chemistry Council, the Pennsylvania Downtown Center and
15 the West Ward Neighborhood Partnership; and

16 WHEREAS, The Department of Environmental Protection and the
17 Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association, including Keystone
18 Sanitary Landfill and Waste Management, are arranging for the
19 free disposal of trash collected during the Let's Pick It Up PA-
20 Everyday initiative, April 16 through 30, for groups registered
21 in the Great American Cleanup of PA; and

22 WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation and Keep America
23 Beautiful are providing free cleanup supplies, such as bags,
24 gloves and vests, for Great American Cleanup of PA participants;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Sponsors of Pick It Up PA Days, including the
27 Department of Environmental Protection, the Pennsylvania Waste
28 Industries Association and participating landfills, are
29 providing free disposal for volunteers participating in
30 registered events during the Pick It Up PA Days, April 21

1 through May 7; and

2 WHEREAS, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful organizers have
3 scheduled cleanup events in which residents of all 67 counties
4 can participate and have posted those events at
5 <http://gacofpa.org/greatpacleanup/GPCMainSearch.asp>; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2011, Keep America Beautiful recognized the
7 Department of Transportation for exemplary contributions and
8 support of the Great American Cleanup of PA and the national
9 Great American Cleanup for the eighth consecutive year; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2011, Keep America Beautiful recognized Keep
11 Pennsylvania Beautiful for 100% county participation in the
12 Great American Cleanup of PA; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
14 honor the thousands of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and Keep
15 America Beautiful volunteers and all participating and
16 supporting agencies and organizations of the Great American
17 Cleanup of PA for their efforts to keep Pennsylvania beautiful;
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge its members
20 and other elected officials, residents, businesses, nonprofit
21 organizations and groups and individuals throughout this
22 Commonwealth to commit to removing litter in our neighborhoods
23 and communities in support of the Great American Cleanup of PA.