## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States to pass without
- delay legislation which creates an equitable and profitable
- 3 budget solution and revenue model for the future stability of
- 4 the United States Postal Service.
- 5 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service (USPS) is an
- 6 independent entity, but was explicitly created and charged with
- 7 serving the people of this country in the Constitution of the
- 8 United States; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The USPS employs more than 574,000 individuals who
- 10 are legally responsible for delivering mail at a set uniform
- 11 price to every American, regardless of location or geography;
- 12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, The mission of the USPS is to provide the American
- 14 public with trusted universal postal service at affordable
- 15 prices across multiple dimensions such as geographic scope,
- 16 range of products, access to services and facilities, delivery
- 17 frequency, affordable and uniform pricing, service quality and
- 18 security; and

- 1 WHEREAS, The USPS operates under an annual budget of more
- 2 than \$70 billion, but due to existing budgetary requirements,
- 3 structure and business climate, it is losing approximately \$25
- 4 million a day; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Americans across the nation are facing uncertainty
- 6 surrounding the potential closings of their local post offices
- 7 and employees of the USPS are suffering undue stress and
- 8 hardship due to possible future job losses; and
- 9 WHEREAS, United States Postmaster Patrick R. Donahue has
- 10 published a detailed report of recommendations, but there is
- 11 still progress to be made in addressing the budget and revenue
- 12 problems of the USPS by the Congress of the United States as
- 13 each chamber has proposed legislation with differing
- 14 recommendations for addressing the increasing debt and
- 15 decreasing revenue of the USPS; therefore be it
- 16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
- 17 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress of the
- 18 United States to pass without delay legislation which creates an
- 19 equitable and profitable budget solution and revenue model for
- 20 the future stability of the United States Postal Service; and be
- 21 it further
- 22 RESOLVED, That current plans to close local post offices and
- 23 mail processing centers cease and no other action be taken
- 24 toward closing or relocating post offices or eliminating or
- 25 reclassifying jobs until such time when the mission of the
- 26 United States Postal Service can be assured; and be it further
- 27 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
- 28 the President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of
- 29 the House of Representatives of the United States, the Majority
- 30 Leader of the Senate of the United States, the Minority Leader

- 1 of the Senate of the United States, the Majority Leader of the
- 2 House of Representatives of the United States, the Minority
- 3 Leader of the House of Representatives of the United States and
- 4 each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.