

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the President of the United States and Congress to  
2 promote and strengthen steps to save the rain forests.

3 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives is becoming  
4 increasingly concerned that the tropical rain forests are being  
5 destroyed at a rate of between 13.5 million and 55 million acres  
6 a year; and

7 WHEREAS, It is feared that further destruction will lead to  
8 the elimination of hundreds of thousands of species of plants  
9 and animals; and

10 WHEREAS, Rain forests are an important source of medicinal  
11 plants, and approximately 121 prescription drugs are derived  
12 from plants which have their origins in rain forests; and

13 WHEREAS, Rain forests are storehouses of evolutionary  
14 achievement and are increasingly invaluable to humankind in our  
15 search for the mysteries of life; and

16 WHEREAS, Rain forests play a major role in the way the sun's  
17 heat is distributed around the globe, and any disturbance could  
18 produce climatic chaos; and

1       WHEREAS, It is imperative that something be done before the  
2 damage to the rain forests is irreversible; therefore be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives memorialize the  
4 President and Congress to take whatever steps are necessary to  
5 protect the rain forests from further destruction; and be it  
6 further

7       RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
8 the President of the United States and the presiding officers of  
9 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from  
10 Pennsylvania.