

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 611 Session of
2006

INTRODUCED BY GEORGE, THOMAS, ALLEN, BAKER, BEBKO-JONES,
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PETRARCA, PETRONE, PISTELLA, ROBERTS, SATHER, SHANER,
SIPTROTH, SURRA, TIGUE, WALKO, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD AND
YUDICHAK, MARCH 6, 2006

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, MARCH 6, 2006

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Governor and the Secretary of Labor and Industry to
2 expand the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps.

3 WHEREAS, Pursuant to Act 112 of 1984, the Pennsylvania
4 Conservation Corps (PCC) was created to develop the workplace
5 skills, life skills and self-confidence of corpsmembers,
6 accomplish significant conservation and historical work and
7 carry out other projects of public benefit; and

8 WHEREAS, During their enrollment, corpsmembers gain valuable
9 work experience while completing substantial and needed
10 projects; and

11 WHEREAS, To date, more than 14,000 young Pennsylvanians have
12 served in the PCC; and

13 WHEREAS, Corpsmembers have demonstrated their dedication to
14 public service by responding to emergencies across Pennsylvania
15 and, in extraordinary circumstances, across the country,

1 including tornadoes, blizzards, floods and, most recently, the
2 devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina; and

3 WHEREAS, In May 2003 the PCC and the Central Pennsylvania
4 Workforce Development Corporation embarked on a cooperative
5 project in which corpsmembers serve in specialized community-
6 based projects in Danville, Montour County, and Towanda,
7 Bradford County; and

8 WHEREAS, According to the latest Statewide data collected by
9 the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, more than
10 90,000 Pennsylvanians under 25 years of age are unemployed; and

11 WHEREAS, Communities in this Commonwealth can benefit from
12 the specialized service of the PCC in fire prevention,
13 historical restoration and weatherization; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Governor
15 and the Secretary of Labor and Industry to expand the membership
16 and scope of work of the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps,
17 including establishing more specialized community-based
18 projects.