THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 549 Session of 2008

INTRODUCED BY ROHRER, STABACK, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BOBACK, BOYD, CAPPELLI, CAUSER, CLYMER, CONKLIN, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, EVERETT, FLECK, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, HELM, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HESS, HORNAMAN, KOTIK, LEVDANSKY, MANTZ, MARKOSEK, McILHATTAN, MENSCH, MILLARD, MILNE, MOUL, MOYER, MURT, RAPP, RUBLEY, SIPTROTH, SONNEY, SURRA, VULAKOVICH, WATSON, WOJNAROSKI AND DENLINGER, JANUARY 14, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, JANUARY 14, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging governmental agencies of Pennsylvania and its political 2 subdivisions to create more space where persons can hunt, 3 fish and boat. WHEREAS, The outdoor recreational activities within 4 5 Pennsylvania help support more than 100,000 jobs and provide 6 significant economic benefits to this Commonwealth; and 7 WHEREAS, The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the American Sportfishing Association estimate that fishing and fishing-8 related activities generate more than \$1.6 billion for 9 10 Pennsylvania's economy each year; and 11 WHEREAS, Because fishing, boating and other outdoor activities associated with our fisheries, lakes, rivers and 12 13 streams are vital components of Pennsylvania's tourism industry, all of Pennsylvania benefits from the economic benefits of 14 15 fishing and boating; and

1 WHEREAS, In order to increase these outdoor recreational 2 activities, State agencies that manage public lands, outdoor 3 recreation, wildlife or our waterways should facilitate and 4 enhance hunting and boating opportunities and the management of 5 game species and their habitats; and

6 WHEREAS, President Bush, Governor Rendell and wildlife 7 conservationists have urged governmental agencies to look for 8 additional spaces for hunters to hunt and for fishermen to boat 9 and fish; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all 11 governmental agencies of Pennsylvania and its political 12 subdivisions to create more space where persons can hunt, fish 13 and boat.