

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 353 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY FRANKEL, D. COSTA, DEASY, DERMODY, GERGELY, KORTZ, KOTIK, PRESTON, READSHAW, M. SMITH, WAGNER, WALKO, WHEATLEY, MARKOSEK, WHITE, VULAKOVICH, BROOKS, BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, CONKLIN, CREIGHTON, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, FLECK, GEIST, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GRUCELA, HELM, HENNESSEY, KIRKLAND, KULA, MANN, BEYER, MARSHALL, MILLARD, MOUL, MURPHY, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PARKER, PHILLIPS, PYLE, QUINN, ROEBUCK, ROSS, SAINATO, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, SONNEY, STABACK, SWANGER, VEREB, BISHOP, BRENNAN AND P. COSTA, JUNE 15, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE 15, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the 50th anniversary of the Three Rivers Arts Festival
2 in the City of Pittsburgh.

3 WHEREAS, The Three Rivers Arts Festival was founded by the
4 Carnegie Museum of Art as a way to celebrate and promote the
5 local cultural community; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2008, the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust assumed the
7 responsibility of presenting the Three Rivers Arts Festival; and

8 WHEREAS, The Three Rivers Arts Festival has grown into a \$1.1
9 million annual event that each year generates a \$19 million
10 economic benefit for the region; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 600,000 men, women and children attend the
12 Three Rivers Arts Festival in Pittsburgh each June; and

13 WHEREAS, Eighty-five percent of the Three Rivers Arts
14 Festival's total audience made a special trip to downtown

1 Pittsburgh just to attend the festival; and

2 WHEREAS, The Three Rivers Arts Festival presents free
3 concerts, an artists' market, public art projects and
4 collaborative projects with many local agencies; and

5 WHEREAS, The Three Rivers Arts Festival is the largest
6 presenter of free arts programming in southwestern Pennsylvania;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, More than 1,000 individual artists participate in
9 the festival with an estimated 20% of the total living in the
10 Pittsburgh region; and

11 WHEREAS, The Three Rivers Arts Festival is a major
12 contributor to the Commonwealth tourism industry with visitors
13 booking more than 6,000 hotel rooms each year during the
14 festival; and

15 WHEREAS, The Three Rivers Arts Festival is the gateway to the
16 arts for millions of people in Pittsburgh and southwestern
17 Pennsylvania, as well as more than 90,000 individuals who travel
18 to visit the Three Rivers Arts Festival from outside the region;
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the 50th
21 anniversary of the Three Rivers Arts Festival; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
23 the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, 803 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh,
24 PA 15222.