

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JULY 31, 2012

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the United Way as it celebrates the 125th anniversary  
2 of its founding.

3 WHEREAS, In 2012, the United Way celebrates the 125th  
4 anniversary of its founding; and

5 WHEREAS, The United Way was founded in Denver in 1887; and

6 WHEREAS, Today, United Way is the largest privately funded  
7 nonprofit corporation in the nation and the world, with more  
8 than 1,800 United Ways in 41 countries and territories; and

9 WHEREAS, The focus of United Way is identifying and resolving  
10 pressing community issues, as well as making measurable changes  
11 in the communities through partnerships with schools, government  
12 agencies, businesses, organized labor, financial institutions,  
13 community development corporations, voluntary and neighborhood  
14 associations, the faith community and others; and

1 WHEREAS, The issues United Way focuses on are determined  
2 locally because of the diversity of the communities served; and

3 WHEREAS, The United Way's overall framework, however,  
4 includes education, income and health; and

5 WHEREAS, The United Way builds on community strengths and  
6 assets, helps individuals and groups with specific community  
7 interests, finds ways for them to contribute their time and  
8 talents, supports direct-service programs and community-change  
9 efforts and advocates public policy changes; and

10 WHEREAS, Millions of corporations and businesses partner with  
11 United Way to address community needs; and

12 WHEREAS, Since 1946, the American Federation of Labor and the  
13 Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) and United Way of  
14 America have enjoyed a cooperative relationship; and

15 WHEREAS, Nearly 40 years ago, the National Football League  
16 (NFL) and the United Way established a partnership to increase  
17 public awareness of service issues facing the country; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to public service announcements in which  
19 volunteer NFL players, coaches and owners appear, NFL players  
20 support their local United Ways through personal appearances,  
21 special programs and serving on United Way governing boards; and

22 WHEREAS, Both Pennsylvania NFL franchises, the Philadelphia  
23 Eagles and the Pittsburgh Steelers, are strong United Way  
24 supporters; and

25 WHEREAS, There are 63 United Way organizations in this  
26 Commonwealth; and

27 WHEREAS, In 1908, Pennsylvania's first United Way was founded  
28 in Pittsburgh; and

29 WHEREAS, The United Way organizations in this Commonwealth  
30 advance the common good and improve communities across this

1 Commonwealth as places to live and do business through strategic  
2 investments, initiatives, partnerships and advocacy; therefore  
3 be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the United  
5 Way on the 125th anniversary of its founding and encourage all  
6 residents of this Commonwealth to support the United Way.