

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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ROSS, WHITE, DEASY, FARINA AND MURT, DECEMBER 17, 2013

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND
ENERGY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, FEBRUARY
5, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of ~~January 13 through 19, 2013~~ FEBRUARY 10 <--
2 THROUGH 16, 2014, as "Emerald View Park Trail Week" in this
3 Commonwealth to honor Mount Washington Community Development
4 Corporation's Emerald View Park Program for demonstrating how
5 people in a community can work together to improve the
6 quality of life in their neighborhoods.

7 WHEREAS, Citizens, community members and lawmakers in this
8 Commonwealth have the responsibility to preserve, nurture and
9 protect our environment; and

10 WHEREAS, Community development fosters safer and more livable
11 neighborhoods, which creates a higher demand for real estate and
12 attracts people as well as small businesses; and

13 WHEREAS, Intersecting problems and hyper-localizing capital
14 solves multiple neighborhood issues; and

15 WHEREAS, The Mount Washington and Duquesne Heights
16 neighborhoods of Pittsburgh saw the potential in their
17 underutilized community parks and greenways and attempted to

1 capture that value through the creation of the Emerald View
2 Park; and

3 WHEREAS, The ultimate goal of the project is to create and
4 connect 20 miles of trail, encircling the two communities and
5 connecting the historical parks of Grandview, Olympia and
6 Dilworth with the Duquesne Heights Greenway; and

7 WHEREAS, Those involved in the Emerald View Park project as
8 volunteers or otherwise have removed 250,000 pounds of waste,
9 which created approximately six miles of new trails and
10 refurbished another four miles of the community that had dated
11 back to the 1930s; and

12 WHEREAS, The Emerald View Park Trail Corps program offers a
13 unique opportunity for employment by training workers in a very
14 unique skill set for trail construction and conservation in
15 difficult terrain where machinery cannot be used and it pays its
16 workers a living wage with benefits; and

17 WHEREAS, The park has become a marquee location in the
18 community, as seen in the increased sale prices of nearby
19 houses, the opening of new businesses in the community and as
20 demonstrated by the recognition of the Mount Washington
21 Community Development Corporation as a Champion in Action in the
22 neighborhood revitalization category by Citizens Bank and
23 program partners WPXI-TV, Trib Total Media and Pittsburgh Cares
24 for all the collaborative and other work in the park's
25 development; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
27 week of ~~January 13 through 19, 2013~~ FEBRUARY 10 THROUGH 16,
28 2014, as "Emerald View Park Trail Week" to honor and recognize
29 Mount Washington Community Development Corporation's Emerald
30 View Park Program for demonstrating how people in a community

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1 can work together to improve the quality of life in their
2 neighborhoods; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate
4 Mount Washington Community Development Corporation on the
5 completion of its most recent segment of trail and celebrate the
6 innovative partnership that sustains the Emerald View Park
7 project, which can serve as a great example that other
8 neighborhoods and communities across this Commonwealth can
9 follow in doing sustainable redevelopment and job training of
10 residents.