

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 13, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Army Corps of Engineers to study the
2 effects of the 2004 wet weather events in the Chartiers
3 Valley and in particular Chartiers Creek, in Allegheny and
4 Washington Counties, Pennsylvania, to reevaluate the existing
5 flood control projects in the area and make recommendations
6 on future flood control measures.

7 WHEREAS, Consecutive hurricanes in September 2004 created
8 peak discharges for Chartiers Creek and its tributaries, Conrail
9 Run, Robinson Run, Miller's Run, Coal Run, Lynch Ponds,
10 McLaughlin Run and Painter Run, in Allegheny and Washington
11 Counties, Pennsylvania; and

12 WHEREAS, September 2004 was the largest flood of record in
13 the Chartiers Valley, with water levels rising from the usual
14 1.5 feet to 24 feet; and

15 WHEREAS, The wet weather events of September 2004 created
16 peak flows in Chartiers Creek that reached 25,000 cubic feet per
17 second; and

1 WHEREAS, Preexisting United States Army Corps of Engineers
2 flood control projects proved insufficient to stop massive
3 flooding in the Chartiers Valley and surrounding areas,
4 including the municipalities of Bridgeville, Carnegie, Collier,
5 Crafton, Glendale, Heidelberg, North Fayette, Oakdale, Robinson,
6 Scott, South Fayette, Upper St. Clair and West Pittsburgh in
7 Allegheny County and Canonsburg, Canton, Cecil, Chartiers,
8 Houston, Midland, North Strabane, South Franklin, Strabane and
9 Washington in Washington County; and

10 WHEREAS, Homes, businesses and industries along Chartiers
11 Creek were affected by large-scale flooding events in 2004;
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
14 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the United States Army Corps
15 of Engineers to conduct a reconnaissance study and propose a new
16 flood protection plan which includes expansion of current
17 efforts within the Chartiers Creek region.