

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY LAWRENCE, BLOOM, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, CUTLER,
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METZGAR, MILLARD, ROAE, ROSS, STABACK, SWANGER AND TOEPEL,
AUGUST 10, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, AUGUST 10, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States to address
2 concerns raised by recent regulations promulgated by the
3 Federal Highway Administration concerning road and street
4 signs.

5 WHEREAS, The Federal Highway Administration recently drafted
6 regulations requiring state and local municipalities to upgrade
7 post-mounted road signs by the year 2015, and street signs by
8 the year 2018, to meet Federal retroreflectivity standards,
9 replace street signs other than white on green, white on blue or
10 white on brown and utilize "mixed case" lettering in the
11 manufacture of all new or replacement street signs; and

12 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has thousands of
13 municipalities that maintain local roadways for the use of the
14 general public; and

15 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognizes and
16 values the importance of noninterference of the Federal
17 Government in matters left to the states, as eloquently stated

1 in the tenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Various municipalities across the Commonwealth of
4 Pennsylvania maintain street signs made of wood, porcelain, cast
5 iron, cast aluminum or other materials, use street signs with
6 nontraditional colors, such as the team colors of the local high
7 school, or utilize signs with all capital letters, and these
8 signs often have significant local community and historical
9 value; and

10 WHEREAS, The financial cost to comply with the aforementioned
11 unfunded Federal mandates would be borne entirely by local
12 municipalities and would unnecessarily result in the removal and
13 destruction of thousands of usable signs; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
15 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress of the
16 United States to urge the Federal Highway Administration to
17 draft regulations that are reasonable and not burdensome to
18 local municipalities, to rescind the aforementioned unfounded
19 and unfunded regulations immediately and to allow local
20 municipalities to determine for themselves the materials, colors
21 and fonts appropriate for road signs of local use; and be it
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
24 the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
25 United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of
26 the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United
27 States Senate, the Majority Leader of the United States House of
28 Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States House
29 of Representatives, the United States Secretary of
30 Transportation, the Federal Highway Administrator, the Secretary

1 of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and each member
2 of Congress from Pennsylvania.