

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 198 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY WILLIAMS, STACK, TEPLITZ, SMITH, FONTANA,
YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, GREENLEAF, COSTA, HUGHES, BLAKE, FERLO,
KITCHEN, SCHWANK AND FARNESE, DECEMBER 5, 2013

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, DECEMBER 5, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing recent acts of intolerance by recently resigned
2 Coatesville Area School District Superintendent Richard Como
3 and High School Athletic Director Jim Donato and condemning
4 similar expressions of intolerance and discrimination.

5 WHEREAS, The Coatesville Area School District is one of the
6 most racially diverse in the Philadelphia suburbs and the most
7 racially diverse in Chester County, with about 42% African-
8 American students; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Como and Mr. Donato were employed by the
10 Coatesville Area School District when they engaged in a series
11 of text messages referencing lewd, sexist and racial slurs on
12 school district-issued phones; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Como and Mr. Donato were entrusted with the care
14 and education of all students enrolled in the Coatesville Area
15 School District; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Como's and Mr. Donato's actions were a direct
17 violation of that trust and duty of care; and

18 WHEREAS, The Senate vigorously embraces all humanity and

1 emphatically rejects expressions, actions or practices of
2 intolerance and discrimination; and

3 WHEREAS, Accordingly, we must highlight and speak out to
4 prevent acts of discrimination, exclusion or restriction on the
5 basis of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation
6 or socioeconomic condition; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize recent acts of
8 intolerance in this Commonwealth and strongly condemn similar
9 expressions of intolerance and discrimination.