

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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HENNESSEY, APRIL 29, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 29, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and supporting "National Train Day" on May 14, 2016.

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is often synonymous with railroads,
3 whose development helped make the Commonwealth an industrial
4 power in the region and the country; and

5 WHEREAS, Amtrak was founded on May 1, 1971, bringing together
6 the passenger train operations of 20 separate rail companies,
7 including the former Pennsylvania Railroad and Erie Lackawanna
8 Railway; and

9 WHEREAS, Amtrak continues to invest in the nation's rail
10 infrastructure, increasing access to high-speed rail and
11 implementing new technology for faster, safer, more efficient
12 and more comfortable rail travel; and

13 WHEREAS, Amtrak trains and infrastructure carry commuters to
14 and from work in congested metropolitan areas, providing a

1 reliable rail option and reducing congestion on roads and in the
2 skies; and

3 WHEREAS, For many rural Americans, Amtrak represents the only
4 major intercity transportation link to the rest of the country;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Passenger trains provide a more fuel-efficient
7 transportation system, cleaner transportation alternatives and
8 energy security; and

9 WHEREAS, Amtrak annually serves more than 31 million
10 passengers, employs more than 20,000 people and operates 300
11 trains a day on more than 21,300 miles of track with some trains
12 operating at speeds of 150 miles per hour; and

13 WHEREAS, Community railroad stations are a source of civic
14 pride, a gateway to more than 500 of our country's communities
15 and a tool for economic growth; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
17 support "National Train Day" on May 14, 2016.