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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 3, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the students and faculty of Saint Joseph's
2 University in Philadelphia for attaining the title of Grand
3 Champion among the Pennsylvania competitors in the 2016
4 RecycleMania competition.

5 WHEREAS, RecycleMania is the nation's premier waste reduction
6 and recycling competition; and

7 WHEREAS, RecycleMania mobilizes colleges and universities to
8 benchmark and improve efforts to reduce or eliminate waste; and

9 WHEREAS, Competing colleges and universities are ranked
10 according to how much recycling, trash and food waste they
11 collect over a two-month period; and

12 WHEREAS, RecycleMania began in January 2001 as a challenge
13 between Ohio University and Miami University, when the recycling
14 coordinator at each school was looking for a way to motivate
15 their student bodies to recycle more; and

16 WHEREAS, The two schools decided to take advantage of the
17 existing sports rivalry between them and proposed a challenge to

1 see who could recycle the most; and

2 WHEREAS, The next year, other universities were invited to
3 join the competition and RecycleMania has been growing ever
4 since; and

5 WHEREAS, Beginning in 2004, RecycleMania partnered with the
6 United States Environmental Protection Agency's WasteWise
7 program to develop a website and provide administrative support
8 for the program; and

9 WHEREAS, The 2016 tournament featured 350 schools
10 participating from 48 states, the District of Columbia and
11 Canada, with an enrollment of 4.4 million students; and

12 WHEREAS, This year, more than 20 Pennsylvania colleges and
13 universities participated in the program; and

14 WHEREAS, During the 2016 competition, participating schools
15 recycled or composted 79.3 million pounds of recyclables and
16 organic materials, preventing the release of 122,000 metric tons
17 of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, equivalent to preventing
18 annual emissions from 24,000 cars; and

19 WHEREAS, Saint Joseph's University was the Grand Champion
20 among the Pennsylvania competitors, with a recycling rate of
21 48.9%; and

22 WHEREAS, Overall, Saint Joseph's University's recycling rates
23 ranked 39th among all participants in the United States and
24 Canada; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
26 students and faculty of Saint Joseph's University in
27 Philadelphia for attaining the title of Grand Champion among the
28 Pennsylvania competitors in the 2016 RecycleMania competition;
29 and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize all the

1 Pennsylvania colleges and universities that participated in this
2 important competition.