

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating 25 years of successful recycling and urging the
2 Department of Environmental Protection to review its
3 recycling programs and report any recommendations for
4 improvements.

5 WHEREAS, Statewide recycling in Pennsylvania began in 1988
6 with the Municipal Waste Planning Recycling and Waste Reduction
7 Act, which requires larger municipalities to recycle; and

8 WHEREAS, Today, more than 11.6 million residents, at least
9 94% of the State's population, have access to recycling; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2011, this Commonwealth recycled over 5.85
11 million tons of resources; and

12 WHEREAS, The materials Pennsylvanians recycle save more than
13 150 trillion British thermal units of energy and cut more than
14 15 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions from the air
15 annually; and

16 WHEREAS, By converting waste into valuable products,
17 recycling creates jobs, contributes feedstock to manufacturing
18 and adds significant value to the entire United States economy;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Our waste reduction and recycling activities can
3 also make a difference in problems such as hazardous waste,
4 endangered species, acid rain and the municipal waste crisis;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, While Pennsylvania has done an outstanding job
7 creating and implementing effective recycling programs to date,
8 the Commonwealth continues to seek improvements in its recycling
9 law; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrate 25
11 years of successful recycling in this Commonwealth; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the people
14 of Pennsylvania to continue to excel in their recycling efforts;
15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the
17 Department of Environmental Protection to review its recycling
18 programs and report any recommendations for improvements to the
19 chairperson and minority chairperson of the Environmental
20 Resources and Energy Committee within one year of the passage of
21 this resolution.