
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AUGUST 28, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,
AUGUST 28, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to
2 renew the declaration of war against the trade of illegal
3 drugs.

4 WHEREAS, President Richard Nixon first declared war on the
5 trade of illegal drugs on June 17, 1971, characterizing the
6 abuse of illegal drugs as "public enemy number one in the United
7 States"; and

8 WHEREAS, The United States Drug Enforcement Agency arrested
9 27,780 individuals in 2007 for drug involvement and seized
10 96,713 kilograms of cocaine, 625 kilograms of heroin, 356,472
11 kilograms of marijuana, 1,086 kilograms of methamphetamine and
12 5,636,305 dosage units of hallucinogens in 2007; and

13 WHEREAS, The National Survey on Drug Use and Health reports

1 that in 2004, 22.5 million Americans 12 years of age or older
2 are addicted to or have abused illegal drugs, and in 2005,
3 800,000 Americans between 12 and 17 years of age sold illegal
4 drugs; and

5 WHEREAS, The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
6 Administration indicated that there were 305,731 drug-related or
7 alcohol-related emergency room visits in 2003; and

8 WHEREAS, The number of drug-related deaths in the United
9 States was reported by the National Vital Statistics Report to
10 be 26,000 in the year 2000; and

11 WHEREAS, Treatment is available for those Americans who are
12 addicted to drugs, yet many do not know where to turn to get
13 treatment or are not able to afford the treatment they
14 desperately need; and

15 WHEREAS, The Federal Government spent \$19 billion in 2003 on
16 the war on drugs, yet drugs are still available in the United
17 States and have caused thousands of deaths; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
19 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognize the gravity of illegal
20 drug use within the United States, support Federal drug
21 prevention initiatives and respectfully memorialize the Congress
22 of the United States to renew the call for all-out war against
23 illegal drug trafficking and use; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
25 the President of the United States, the presiding officers of
26 each house of Congress and to each member of the Congress from
27 Pennsylvania.