
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AND MACKOWSKI, JUNE 11, 1986

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 16, 1986

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Governor to designate August 1, 1986, as
2 "Smoke Detector Awareness Day."

3 WHEREAS, Fire kills an estimated 7,500 Americans and
4 seriously injures another 300,000 people each year; and

5 WHEREAS, It is estimated that property damage from fire costs
6 American society at least \$13 billion per year; and

7 WHEREAS, Many people are unaware of the fact that more
8 persons die from the smoke and toxic gases caused by fire than
9 from flames and that even a small fire can produce enough deadly
10 smoke and gas to cause death; and

11 WHEREAS, A John Hopkins University study, funded by the
12 United States Fire Administration, found that 71% of residential
13 fire deaths and 84% of residential fire injuries could be
14 prevented by smoke detectors; and

15 WHEREAS, It is important that the public be educated and
16 informed as to the merits of installing smoke detectors in order

1 to drastically reduce the risk of death, serious injury and
2 major financial loss occasioned by residential fires; and

3 WHEREAS, Volunteer fire companies and municipal fire
4 departments could play a major role in educating the public as
5 to the importance of smoke detectors and the installation of
6 such detectors; and

7 WHEREAS, Volunteer fire companies in some communities have
8 already established education and awareness programs to inform
9 the public of the importance of smoke detectors; and

10 WHEREAS, The process of educating the public on the
11 importance of smoke detectors could be enhanced by setting aside
12 a day on which to coordinate and emphasize such educational
13 efforts; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
15 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Governor to
16 designate August 1, 1986, as "Smoke Detector Awareness Day"; and
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
19 the Governor.