THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 299 Session of 1999

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, OCTOBER 27, 1999

A RESOLUTION

1 2 3 4 5 6	Requesting the Governor to release \$100,000,000 of capital budget funding for the US Airways maintenance facility improvements at the Pittsburgh International Airport and to devote all other necessary financial resources of the Commonwealth to ensure that this significant economic development project is successful.
7	WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has a long history
8	of commitment to economic development investment to create and
9	retain jobs in Pennsylvania; and
10	WHEREAS, US Airways employs more than 11,000 Pennsylvanians
11	at the Pittsburgh International Airport, including 5,100 at the
12	maintenance facility; and
13	WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh International Airport is a regional
14	and national transportation hub; and

1 WHEREAS, Local government leaders in Allegheny County and 2 Beaver County have developed a financing plan to keep the US 3 Airways maintenance facility at the Pittsburgh International 4 Airport which calls for a \$240 million public investment; and 5 WHEREAS, US Airways expects to invest up to \$360 million in 6 the new maintenance facility; and

7 WHEREAS, The General Assembly has approved and the Governor 8 has signed Senate Bill 572 (Act 35 of 1999) which includes 9 funding of \$100,000,000 for the US Airways maintenance facility 10 project; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the 12 Governor to commit to release the \$100,000,000 provided for the 13 US Airways maintenance facility by Act 35 of 1999; and be it 14 further

RESOLVED, That the Governor be advised to pursue all other possible means to increase by \$140,000,000 the Commonwealth's share of public funding for this important economic development project in order to increase local tax revenues and retain more than 5,000 jobs in western Pennsylvania.