

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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BELAN, WHITE, BRIGHTBILL, THOMPSON, KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, MELLOW
AND HART, JUNE 3, 1999

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 3, 1999

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating Saturday, June 5, 1999, as "Riverday" in this
2 Commonwealth in recognition of the value of Pennsylvania's
3 rivers and streams and the efforts of Pennsylvania citizens
4 who are committed to preserving water resources.

5 WHEREAS, Many individuals, organizations and agencies in the
6 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are committed to preserving over
7 83,000 miles of rivers and streams in Pennsylvania; and

8 WHEREAS, One of the most significant problems facing
9 Pennsylvania's rivers and streams is drainage from abandoned
10 coal mining operations; and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's rivers and streams have suffered the
12 effects of abandoned coal mine drainage which resulted in the
13 pollution of over 3,000 miles of these rivers and streams; and

14 WHEREAS, The Department of Environmental Protection, several
15 other State bureaus and agencies, the Eastern Pennsylvania
16 Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation, the Western
17 Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation, county
18 conservation districts and other State, county and local

1 organizations have been active in promoting the partnerships
2 necessary to effectively combat the problems of abandoned mine
3 drainage and so preserve the rivers and streams that are
4 threatened by this pollution; and

5 WHEREAS, The continued success of these partnerships is
6 dependent upon the support of citizens of this Commonwealth and
7 upon the demonstration of their commitment to the preservation
8 of Pennsylvania's rivers and streams; and

9 WHEREAS, "Riverday" in this Commonwealth represents a
10 significant step toward raising public awareness about this
11 issue and encouraging the support of Pennsylvania citizens;
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate Saturday, June 5, 1999,
14 as "Riverday" in this Commonwealth and urge the support of
15 activities related to the preservation of Pennsylvania's rivers
16 and streams.