

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 632 Session of 2008

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 12, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 20, 2008, as "Volunteer Forest Firefighter and  
2 Forest Fire Warden Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, There are an estimated 10,000 trained volunteer  
4 woodland firefighters and 2,000 active volunteer Forest Fire  
5 Wardens in this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, These volunteers, often from rural fire companies  
7 that face tight budgets and limited membership, cover more than  
8 17 million acres of public and private woodlands; and

9 WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters who fight woodland fires must  
10 complete 20 hours of training and buy and maintain special  
11 clothing and equipment at their own expense; and

1       WHEREAS, As more people move into developments that are  
2 surrounded by woodlands, the protection of these volunteer  
3 forest firefighters, along with the guidance of the Department  
4 of Conservation and Natural Resources Bureau of Forestry, is  
5 important to the health and safety of our citizens and our  
6 natural habitat; therefore be it

7       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March  
8 20, 2008, as "Volunteer Forest Firefighter and Forest Fire  
9 Warden Day" in Pennsylvania.