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A RESOLUTION

1 Welcoming the 2008 National Conference of the United States
2 Environmental Protection Agency Small Business Ombudsman and
3 the State Small Business Ombudsman and State Small Business
4 Environmental Assistance Programs to Pennsylvania which is
5 being held in Harrisburg on June 16 through 20, 2008, and
6 recognizing the outstanding work of these programs.

7 WHEREAS, The more than 26 million small businesses in the
8 United States are the driving force behind the nation's economy,
9 creating more than 2/3 of net new jobs over the past decade and
10 generating more than 50% of the nonfarm private gross domestic
11 product; and

12 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States recognized the
13 unique environmental and energy assistance needs of the small
14 business community when establishing the Small Business
15 Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Program under
16 section 507 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and

17 WHEREAS, Every commonwealth and state is required under
18 section 507 of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 to have a
19 program with three key elements:

- 1 (1) a small business ombudsman;
- 2 (2) a small business environmental assistance program to
- 3 provide compliance assistance; and
- 4 (3) a compliance advisory panel or committee;
- 5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has established a
7 program with all three elements; and

8 WHEREAS, The Office of the Small Business Ombudsman is
9 located in the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental
10 Protection; and

11 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Small Business Environmental
12 Assistance Program is administered by the Pennsylvania Small
13 Business Development Center's Environmental Management
14 Assistance Program through a partnership with the Pennsylvania
15 Department of Environmental Protection; and

16 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Small Business Environmental
17 Compliance Assistance Committee is made up of hard-working and
18 selfless volunteers from across the Commonwealth of
19 Pennsylvania, committing their time to represent various small
20 business and environmental perspectives and to assist the small
21 business community; and

22 WHEREAS, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is the site of the 2008
23 National Conference of the United States Environmental
24 Protection Agency Small Business Ombudsman and all of the State
25 Small Business Ombudsmen and Small Business Environmental
26 Assistance Programs; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
28 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania honor the contributions of
29 America's small businesses to our national economy; and be it
30 further

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognize the unique environmental
3 and energy assistance needs of the small business community and
4 urge continued support and development of targeted small
5 business environmental and energy technical and financial
6 assistance programs; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
8 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania warmly welcome to Pennsylvania the
9 2008 National Conference of the United States Environmental
10 Protection Agency Small Business Ombudsman and State Small
11 Business Ombudsmen and State Small Business Environmental
12 Assistance Programs; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
14 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulate the hard work and
15 commitment of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental
16 Protection's Small Business Ombudsman, the Pennsylvania Small
17 Business Development Center's Environmental Management
18 Assistance Program and the individual members of the
19 Pennsylvania Small Business Environmental Compliance Advisory
20 Committee in helping the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's vital
21 small business community and in hosting this national
22 conference; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
24 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania applaud and appreciate the hard
25 work and commitment of the United States Environmental
26 Protection Agency Small Business Ombudsman and all State Small
27 Business Ombudsmen and State Small Business Environmental
28 Assistance Programs in helping small businesses achieve and
29 maintain environmental compliance and to operate in economically
30 and environmentally sustainable ways; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
2 the President of the United States, the Governor of
3 Pennsylvania, the Administrator of the United States
4 Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of the
5 Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the State
6 Director of the Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers
7 and the Chairman of the Pennsylvania Small Business
8 Environmental Compliance Assistance Committee.