

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 13, 2009

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2009,  
2 as "Earth Hour" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Earth Hour" was launched in Sydney, Australia, in  
4 2007, when more than 2 million homes and businesses, as a  
5 statement of concern regarding the impact of climate change and  
6 global warming, turned off their lights for one hour; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2008, "Earth Hour" became a worldwide initiative  
8 as more than 400 cities and more than 50 million people around  
9 the globe turned off their lights for that designated hour; and

10 WHEREAS, Included in this effort were such notable landmarks  
11 as the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France, the Sydney Opera House in  
12 Australia, the Wat Arun Buddhist Temple in Bangkok, Thailand,  
13 the Coliseum in Rome, Italy and the Golden Gate Bridge in San  
14 Francisco, California; and

15 WHEREAS, "Earth Hour" 2009 is going to be an opportunity to

1 "Vote Earth" with a goal of having more than 1 billion people  
2 turn off their lights, signifying that 1 billion people on the  
3 planet, regardless of where they live, are willing to take a  
4 stand and be counted in the effort to reduce the consequences of  
5 climate change, improving the earth for future generations; and

6 WHEREAS, At present, more than 70 countries and hundreds of  
7 cities, community organizations, businesses and homes have  
8 pledged to participate in "Earth Hour" 2009, sending a clear  
9 message to their leaders that they want them to join with other  
10 world leaders to develop a strategy to address the impact of  
11 climate change when they meet in Copenhagen, Denmark, later this  
12 year for the 2009 Global Climate Change Conference; therefore be  
13 it

14 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly designate the hour of  
15 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2009, as "Earth  
16 Hour" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the people, governmental and commercial  
18 entities of this Commonwealth actively participate in "Earth  
19 Hour" 2009 and "Vote Earth" by turning out their lights for that  
20 one hour on Saturday, March 28, 2009.