

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 234 Session of
2009

INTRODUCED BY MARSICO, ADOLPH, BAKER, BARRAR, BELFANTI, BEYER, BOYD, BRADFORD, BRENNAN, BRIGGS, BROWN, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, CREIGHTON, DALLY, DELOZIER, DONATUCCI, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, FREEMAN, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GRUCELA, HARHART, HARPER, HELM, HENNESSEY, HESS, JOHNSON, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MAJOR, MANN, McCALL, MOUL, MUSTIO, D. O'BRIEN, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, RAPP, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROEBUCK, ROSS, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SIPTROTH, STEVENSON, STURLA, SWANGER, TRUE, VEREB, WALKO, WATERS, WATSON, WHEATLEY AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 16, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 16, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 24, 2009, as "Arbor Day"; promoting public
2 participation in the celebration; and further recognizing the
3 value of trees to our environment.

4 WHEREAS, The tree has proved to be a valuable component of
5 our environment by providing us with natural aesthetics for
6 landscaping, a biological tool to control water and wind
7 erosion, a renewable source of food, fuel and lumber for man, a
8 habitat for birds and wildlife, and a natural producer of oxygen
9 and water through the process of transpiration; and

10 WHEREAS, The original "Arbor Day" was observed with the
11 planting of more than a million trees; and

12 WHEREAS, Scientists, environmentalists, foresters and
13 government officials throughout the world are increasingly
14 alarmed about the significant clearing and destruction of the

1 forests of the world and are now exploring the feasibility of
2 large-scale reforestation programs as a means of preventing a
3 possible adverse climate change such as global warming; and

4 WHEREAS, "Arbor Day" has been designated by many states as a
5 time to recognize the importance of trees to our environment;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, "Arbor Day" is now celebrated throughout the United
8 States and in countries around the world; and

9 WHEREAS, The last Friday in April is commonly held to be the
10 day to celebrate "Arbor Day"; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives hereby recognize
12 April 24, 2009, as "Arbor Day"; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives ask that citizens
14 and communities throughout this Commonwealth, individually and
15 collectively, engage in the celebration of "Arbor Day" by
16 planting trees in appropriate public places as a source of
17 future enjoyment and civic pride; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be conveyed to the
19 Governor and the Senate to solicit their support of this
20 recognition.