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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE 2,
2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the City Year organization and its members in
2 recognition of their steadfast dedication and achievements.

3 WHEREAS, City Year unites young people of all backgrounds for
4 a year of full-time service, thus empowering these young leaders
5 to make a difference in the lives of children and transform
6 schools and neighborhoods across the United States and in South
7 Africa; and

8 WHEREAS, City Year has 19 sites across the United States and
9 in South Africa, and nearly 1,500 young people 17 to 24 years of
10 age will wear the familiar red jacket of City Year this year;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Corps members tutor, mentor, run after-school
13 programs and direct large-scale service projects in the
14 community, thus having an impact on the students they serve as
15 well as the schools and surrounding community; and

1 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia site is the largest of the 19 sites
2 in the City Year network, putting 224 young idealists to work
3 every day in the public schools of the city as tutors, mentors
4 and role models; and

5 WHEREAS, These young people will serve a total of nearly
6 400,000 hours worth of community service this year, making a
7 difference in the lives of school-age youth and inspiring
8 neighborhoods throughout the city; and

9 WHEREAS, This program has the strong support of the School
10 District of Philadelphia, Mayor Michael Nutter, the entire
11 Philadelphia Congressional Delegation, Governor Edward G.
12 Rendell and key champions in the private sector, including 22
13 corporate partners, foundations and countless individuals; and

14 WHEREAS, The organization is led by a Site Board that
15 includes Joe Banner of the Philadelphia Eagles and Art Block of
16 Comcast, along with 24 committed leaders within the Greater
17 Philadelphia region; and

18 WHEREAS, In Shaw Middle School in West Philadelphia, where
19 the City Year Firsttrust Team serves, 100% of the students that
20 have received intensive one-on-one support from City Year
21 members have improved at least one reading level, and their math
22 benchmark scores have increased by an average of 14%, 298
23 students have received in-class support, 161 students
24 participated in a City Year-sponsored science fair, 28 students
25 received homework help after school daily from City Year, the
26 City Year team maintains a data room which tracks student
27 achievement and the team is renovating the school's science lab;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, In South Philadelphia High School, where the City
30 Year Sunoco Team serves, 515 students have been provided

1 academic support and mentoring, 1,258 students have been given
2 college and career preparations, including field trips to job
3 sites and a career day, 190 students participated in City Year-
4 led college trips, the City Year team has hosted five individual
5 school pride events, such as a pep rally and an Education First
6 concert, as well as a talk-back session for students, and
7 because of City Year, the South Philadelphia High School campus
8 was a site of Mayor Nutter's Spring Clean Up Event, where 12
9 trees were planted with the help of local community
10 organizations; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and
12 congratulate the City Year organization and its members in
13 recognition of their steadfast dedication and achievements.