

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 964 Session of 2010

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER 4, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Pittsburgh organization Riverlife for its mission
2 to reclaim, restore and promote Pittsburgh's riverfronts as
3 the environmental, recreational, cultural and economic hub
4 for the people of this region and our visitors.

5 WHEREAS, Riverlife began when a group of Pittsburgh community
6 leaders, business owners, environmentalists and urban planners
7 saw the need to develop a master plan for Pittsburgh's most
8 valuable asset, its rivers and their miles of shoreline; and

9 WHEREAS, Riverlife was created in 1999 as the Riverlife Task
10 Force; and

11 WHEREAS, Riverlife is a public-private partnership
12 established to guide and advocate for the redevelopment of
13 Pittsburgh's riverfronts; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, Riverlife's stewardship extends up the
15 Allegheny River to the 31st Street Bridge, down the Monongahela
16 River to the Hot Metal Bridge and along the Ohio River to the

1 West End Bridge; and

2 WHEREAS, Through a variety of public-private partnerships
3 integrating the efforts of State, city and private developers,
4 Riverlife points proudly to a host of projects already in place,
5 with several currently underway and more planned for the future;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, This seamless sequence of open spaces for civic
8 engagement will ultimately knit our neighborhoods together and
9 reconnect us with our living environment; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2001, following a public planning process,
11 Riverlife presented a plan for Three Rivers Park, a grand,
12 urban-scale waterfront park at the confluence of the three
13 rivers in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh; and

14 WHEREAS, That plan, known as "A Vision Plan for Pittsburgh's
15 Riverfronts," was the winner of the 2002 AIA Honor Award in
16 Urban Planning and Design and the 2002 Merit Award in Planning
17 from the International Downtown Association; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2008, Riverlife Task Force shortened its name to
19 Riverlife, reflecting the organization's growth and
20 transformation from a "task force" to a governing board of
21 directors; and

22 WHEREAS, Through Riverlife's leadership, more than half of
23 the 13-mile Three Rivers Park loop has been established and
24 improved for public use; and

25 WHEREAS, Key projects comprising the next phase of the park
26 are under construction; and

27 WHEREAS, Riverlife has a plan in place to complete the
28 remainder of the park over the next ten years; and

29 WHEREAS, As Riverlife celebrates its 10th anniversary in
30 2010, it is remarkable to assess the impact Three Rivers Park

1 has had on downtown living, recreation and the economy;

2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Riverlife
4 on its 10th anniversary and for its mission to reclaim, restore
5 and promote Pittsburgh's riverfronts as the environmental,
6 recreational, cultural and economic hub for the people of this
7 region and our visitors; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to
9 Riverlife, 707 Grant Street, Suite 3500, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.