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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
OCTOBER 5, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the City of Philadelphia to establish a year-round
2 program providing for the safe removal and adequate disposal
3 of illegally discarded waste tires.

4 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives notes the various
5 issues associated with the improper disposal of waste tires,
6 including the economic, environmental and health impact that it
7 poses to the landscape, property values and citizens of
8 Philadelphia; and

9 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives acknowledges that there
10 exists a critical need for the City of Philadelphia to implement
11 a year-round tire cleanup program and to invest or participate
12 in environmentally safe tire recycling programs established
13 within this Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, Waste tires pose an even greater threat to the
15 health and welfare of the citizens of Philadelphia as they
16 collect rain water and serve as an optimal habitat for breeding
17 mosquitoes, which may be the carriers of the potentially fatal

1 West Nile virus; and

2 WHEREAS, Additional dangers such as waste tire pile fires are
3 equally hazardous and often release toxic gases into the
4 atmosphere which adversely affect the lives of human beings and
5 the surrounding ecosystem; and

6 WHEREAS, On March 14, 1996, the smoldering waste tire pile
7 fire that occurred near an I-95 overpass in Philadelphia is
8 proof of the impact of waste tire pollution; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the Pennsylvania Department of
10 Environmental Protection, in 1996 it was estimated that 36
11 million waste tires were discarded in piles throughout
12 Pennsylvania; and

13 WHEREAS, Notwithstanding the successful collaboration between
14 the General Assembly, the Pennsylvania Department of
15 Environmental Protection and local governments in past years, it
16 is estimated that there are approximately 2.43 million waste
17 tires that remain to be cleaned up in this Commonwealth; and

18 WHEREAS, The establishment of a year-round waste tire removal
19 program would effectively address the public health issues and
20 have a positive impact upon our environment as a result of safe
21 and proper waste tire disposal through the use of tire
22 remediation facilities; and

23 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives encourages the City of
24 Philadelphia to increase the scope of its current "Tire Round
25 Up" program by evolving it into a year-round program; and

26 WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia is further encouraged to
27 work closely with its city officials and to seek grants
28 allocated for the purpose of funding beautification projects and
29 other environmentally oriented programs; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the City of

1 Philadelphia to establish a year-round waste tire removal
2 program for the purpose of safely and adequately disposing of
3 illegally discarded waste tires.