

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 485 Session of 2011

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER 26, 2011

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2011 as "Realtors Reach Out  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Association of REALTORS® and its  
4 local associations are participating in REALTORS® Reach Out 2011  
5 across this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, This is the fourth year that REALTORS® will  
7 participate in this initiative; and

8 WHEREAS, From October 1 through October 31, REALTORS® will  
9 volunteer their time to benefit charitable organizations; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania REALTORS® volunteer throughout the  
11 year, but the Pennsylvania Association of REALTORS® and its  
12 members want to make a concerted effort to help out in  
13 communities across this Commonwealth during October 2011; and

14 WHEREAS, In the past three REALTORS® Reach Out events, more

1 than 5,500 REALTORS® across this Commonwealth participated with  
2 27 local REALTORS® associations and boards in donating more than  
3 \$153,000 and collecting nearly 37,600 pounds of food and 1,000  
4 pieces of clothing for charitable organizations; and

5 WHEREAS, Members also have refurbished homes, helped restore  
6 local communities, held blood drives and provided other  
7 assistance to those in need as part of this initiative; and

8 WHEREAS, REALTORS® Reach Out has scheduled the following  
9 events for the month: a food drive October 1 through 31 at the  
10 Pennsylvania Association of REALTORS® headquarters in Lemoyne, a  
11 food drive on October 14 at the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank  
12 in Harrisburg, an arts and crafts kit distribution event at  
13 Caitlin's Smiles in Harrisburg, an American Cancer Society  
14 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on October 15 at City  
15 Island in Harrisburg, a Clean Clothes/Full Bellies clothes and  
16 food event October 1 through 13 at the Cambria Somerset  
17 Association of REALTORS®, a REALTORS® Association of York &  
18 Adams Counties, Inc., silent auction on October 5 at the York  
19 Expo Center, a Bucks County Association of REALTORS® clothing  
20 and household item drive October 1 through 31 at six locations  
21 in the county, as well as a blood drive at BCAR Headquarters on  
22 October 19, a fall community clean-up at various locations  
23 October 17 and 18, along with other events, and a Reading-Berks  
24 Association of REALTORS® toy drive October 1 through December 2  
25 at the R-BAR Headquarters in Wyomissing; and

26 WHEREAS, Chartered in 1920 as the Pennsylvania Real Estate  
27 Association, The Pennsylvania Association of REALTORS® is one of  
28 the largest trade associations in the State that serves as the  
29 "voice for real estate®" for its more than 30,000 members in  
30 this Commonwealth. It is a member organization of the National

1 Association of REALTORS® and is comprised of residential and  
2 commercial REALTORS® who subscribe to a strict code of ethics  
3 and standards of practice; and

4 WHEREAS, The association seeks to promote homeownership,  
5 encourage investment in real estate, protect the right to own  
6 and use private property, enable members to transact business to  
7 the advantage and protection of the public and members, promote  
8 and maintain high standards of conduct, advance civil  
9 development and economic growth in this Commonwealth and lend  
10 assistance to the Pennsylvania State Real Estate Commission and  
11 the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers in the  
12 enforcement of their regulations; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
14 month of October 2011 as "Realtors Reach Out Month" in  
15 Pennsylvania and offer all those participating in the event  
16 support, encouragement and thanks for this year's REALTORS®  
17 Reach Out initiative.