## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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Session of 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 10, 2015

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating May 9, 2015, as "National Association of Letter
- 2 Carriers (NALC) Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day" in
- 3 Pennsylvania.
- WHEREAS, On Saturday, May 9, 2015, the National Association
- 5 of Letter Carriers will conduct its annual NALC "Stamp Out
- 6 Hunger" food drive to combat hunger in the United States; and
- 7 WHEREAS, This year will mark the 23rd anniversary of the
- 8 nation's largest single-day food drive, which is held in all 50
- 9 states and territories of the United States; and
- 10 WHEREAS, On May 9, 2015, letter carriers will collect
- 11 nonperishable food donations as they deliver mail along their
- 12 postal routes; and
- 13 WHEREAS, The food will be collected in over 10,000
- 14 communities by letter carriers and other volunteers; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Donations will be delivered to food banks, pantries

- 1 and shelters that serve the area where the donations are
- 2 collected; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The summer months are a particularly critical time
- 4 when donations and supplies are low and school lunch programs
- 5 are not available for local youth; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Families must find alternate sources of nutrition
- 7 and the food drive is one way to help; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Postal customers are encouraged to participate by
- 9 leaving donations by their mailboxes on May 9, 2015; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Past sponsors of the NALC "Stamp Out Hunger" food
- 11 drive have included the United States Postal Service, the
- 12 National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, United Way, the
- 13 Campbell Soup Company, Valpak, Inc., the Feeding America
- 14 organization, Valassis, Inc., the AFL-CIO, AARP and America's
- 15 Second Harvest Food Bank network; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1993, the nationwide food
- 17 drive has collected and delivered more than 1.3 billion pounds
- 18 of food to help hungry families, and last year carriers
- 19 collected almost 73 million pounds of food, which is the 11th
- 20 consecutive year the effort has exceeded 70 million pounds; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Locally, letter carriers have delivered more than
- 22 2.1 million pounds of food to Second Harvest Food Bank and its
- 23 member agencies over the years; therefore be it
- 24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 9,
- 25 2015, as "National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out
- 26 Hunger Food Drive Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further
- 27 RESOLVED, That the National Association of Letter Carriers
- 28 and its cosponsors be commended for their humanitarian efforts
- 29 to stamp out hunger; and be it further
- 30 RESOLVED, That the residents of this Commonwealth be

- 1 commended for their past participation in the "Stamp Out Hunger"
- 2 food drive and encouraged to contribute to this year's effort to
- 3 feed the hungry.