
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 2, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 20th anniversary of the Philadelphia site of the
2 City Year organization.

3 WHEREAS, In 1988, the City Year organization was founded by
4 then Harvard Law School roommates Michael Brown and Alan Khazei,
5 in response to what they viewed as a critical need to mobilize
6 and dispatch young adults in an effort to effectively remedy
7 many of the socioeconomic issues plaguing our communities and
8 nation; and

9 WHEREAS, The mission of City Year is fueled by a culture of
10 idealism, which is defined as the notion that every young person
11 possesses the passion, skills and courage to change the world;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The issues of ensuring that our youth have access to
14 a quality education and endeavoring to bridge the communicative
15 divide that often exists between teachers and students is of
16 foremost importance to the City Year organization; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1997, the City Year Philadelphia site was
2 established for the purposes of furthering the mission of the
3 City Year organization and expanding the scope of the
4 organization's impact; and

5 WHEREAS, The mission of the City Year organization is
6 effectively realized by AmeriCorps members, who adopt a hands-on
7 approach to delivering much needed support both inside and
8 outside of the classroom over the course of an 11-month term of
9 service; and

10 WHEREAS, With nearly 15,000 Philadelphia students at risk for
11 dropping out of school, the City Year Philadelphia organization
12 assumes an integral role in providing students with both the
13 academic and socioemotional support that are needed in order to
14 thrive in the classroom and graduate on schedule; and

15 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the City Year Americorps has
16 positively impacted greater Philadelphia schools by deploying
17 more than 3,000 corps members, providing more than 4.5 million
18 hours of service, engaging more than 60,000 volunteers and
19 generating more than \$5 million in educational awards; and

20 WHEREAS, The invaluable efforts of the City Year Philadelphia
21 site and its AmeriCorps members have also yielded tremendous
22 success by providing desperately needed before-school programs
23 and after-school programs, as well as assisting students in 14
24 Philadelphia public and charter schools with achieving
25 quantifiable academic improvement in the classroom; and

26 WHEREAS, Under the adroit leadership of the City Year
27 Philadelphia site's executive director, board of directors,
28 alumni board and associate board, the organization has left both
29 a positive and indelible mark upon the City of Philadelphia's
30 educational landscape; and

1 WHEREAS, The City Year Philadelphia site and its AmeriCorps
2 members continue to prove the fact that there are other powerful
3 forces outside of government that can assume the task of
4 enriching the minds of our young people and effectuate
5 meaningful change within our nation's educational system;
6 therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
8 20th anniversary of the Philadelphia site of the City Year
9 organization; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives acknowledge the
11 exceptional efforts of the organization; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to both
13 the executive committee members and the board of directors of
14 the City Year Philadelphia site.