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## 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 impacts on the  
7 landscape, property values and residents of Philadelphia; and

8        WHEREAS, The House of Representatives acknowledges that there  
9 exists a critical need for the City of Philadelphia to implement  
0 a year-round tire clean-up program and to invest or participate  
1 in environmentally safe tire recycling programs established

3 WHEREAS, Waste tires pose an even greater threat to the  
4 health and welfare of the residents of Philadelphia as they  
5 collect rain water and serve as an optimal habitat for breeding  
6 mosquitoes, which may be the carriers of the potentially fatal  
7 West Nile and Zika viruses; and

18 WHEREAS, Additional dangers, including waste tire pile fires,

1 are equally hazardous and release toxic gases into the  
2 atmosphere that adversely affect the lives of human beings and  
3 the surrounding ecosystem; and

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

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

11 WHEREAS, Notwithstanding the successful collaboration between  
12 the General Assembly, the Pennsylvania Department of  
13 Environmental Protection and local governments in past years, it  
14 is estimated that there are approximately 1.5 million waste  
15 tires that still need to be cleaned up in this Commonwealth; and

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

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

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

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the City of  
29 Philadelphia to establish a year-round program providing for  
30 the safe and adequate disposal of illegally discarded waste

1 tires.