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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
MAY 24, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 1, 2023, as "Skip the Straw Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Plastic debris harms more than 1,200 species across
4 the globe; and

5 WHEREAS, Plastics, microplastics and plastic microfibers
6 contaminate mountain peaks and ocean trenches; and

7 WHEREAS, These materials and particles infiltrate our soil,
8 drinking water and the air we breathe; and

9 WHEREAS, Contributing to this crisis, Americans generate
10 waste from an estimated 500 million single-use disposable
11 plastic straws each day; and

12 WHEREAS, Banning, phasing out or otherwise reducing plastic
13 straw use involves small actions to change habits and broader
14 actions to change cultures; and

15 WHEREAS, Making straws available only on request is a start;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Food and beverage concessionaires for the National

1 Park Service and other venues are adhering to offer-first
2 practices; and

3 WHEREAS, Straws manufactured from paper, compostable plastic,
4 glass, bamboo, corn or stainless steel are alternatives when
5 skipping the straw; and

6 WHEREAS, Antistraw initiatives include The Last Plastic
7 Straw, Be Straw Free, Choose to Refuse, Be the Solution to
8 Pollution, Strawless Summer and StopSucking; and

9 WHEREAS, Municipalities and venues in this Commonwealth are
10 beginning to address the challenges of plastic straw waste;
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate June 1,
13 2023, as "Skip the Straw Day" in Pennsylvania.