
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 11, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 11 through 15, 2015, as "Local
2 Community Leader Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, During a period when violence and social unrest is
4 seemingly widespread in our nation, one of the most vital lines
5 of defense is dedicated local community leaders; and

6 WHEREAS, Local community leaders have their fingers placed
7 squarely upon the pulse of the populace; and

8 WHEREAS, Local community leaders, through their efforts of
9 assisting our local officials in an ancillary role, are able to
10 make significant strides in rooting out the prevalence of
11 blight, drug activity and the overall incidence of crime; and

12 WHEREAS, Each and every day our community leaders spend
13 countless hours watching over our neighborhoods and doing their
14 best to render them as safe havens for our children, senior
15 citizens and other populations; and

16 WHEREAS, Following the economic downturn that both our nation

1 and this Commonwealth have recently experienced, many of our
2 communities are forced to do more with less resources; and

3 WHEREAS, Many vitally important and noteworthy individuals
4 throughout this Commonwealth meet the standard of being
5 community leaders; and

6 WHEREAS, In particular, individuals such as the Democratic
7 Sixth Ward Leader in West Philadelphia and several members of
8 the Philadelphia Masjid Community Outreach Committee have
9 answered the clarion call to duty and made a conscious decision
10 to take back their communities from the criminal and deleterious
11 elements that have sought to blight and destroy them; and

12 WHEREAS, The courageous and altruistic efforts of such
13 individuals have directly engendered an atmosphere of grassroots
14 coalition building, active community engagement and have
15 instilled a widespread sense of pride within the residents of
16 West Philadelphia; and

17 WHEREAS, Working in tandem with other influential community
18 leaders, such as the local neighborhood block captains and local
19 officials, Philadelphia community leaders were able to achieve a
20 measurable amount of success in the way of curtailing drug
21 activity and beautifying their community; and

22 WHEREAS, Efforts such as these are not exclusive to the City
23 of Philadelphia and are emblematic of the tenacity, passion and
24 fortitude possessed by local community leaders in every locality
25 in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania House of Representatives
27 designate the week of May 11 through 15, 2015, as "Local
28 Community Leader Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.