
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 390 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY HEFFLEY, DAY, HARHART, KNOWLES, HAHN, READSHAW,
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VEREB, MURT, MILLARD, HENNESSEY, MACKENZIE, GIBBONS, JOZWIAK,
GROVE, O'NEILL, D. MILLER, FARINA, SCHWEYER, D. COSTA,
GINGRICH, MAJOR, BISHOP, PAYNE AND GOODMAN, JUNE 11, 2015

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the first responders who safely battled and
2 contained the East Penn Township wildland fire on April 18
3 and 19, 2015.

4 WHEREAS, The wildland fire originating on April 18, 2015, in
5 East Penn Township, Carbon County, raged and ascended along Blue
6 Mountain, spreading to 400 acres in Lehigh and Carbon Counties
7 before being suppressed the next day; and

8 WHEREAS, Using air tankers and helicopters as needed, up to
9 120 firefighters were working at any given time to control
10 blazes and limit areas of active burning; and

11 WHEREAS, Forest fire wardens, Victor Units and other State
12 fire officials from the Bureau of Forestry of the Department of
13 Conservation and Natural Resources contributed to this work; and

14 WHEREAS, The State Emergency Operations Center and Eastern
15 Area Office of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency,
16 Lehigh County Special Operations and Carbon County Emergency

1 Management supported the two-day effort; and

2 WHEREAS, The East Penn Township Volunteer Fire Department was
3 a primary incident command system facility, housing the command
4 post, incident base, staging and shelter operations; and

5 WHEREAS, First responders from throughout the region,
6 including firefighters from Chester, Dauphin and Lancaster
7 Counties, assisted firefighters from Lehigh, Carbon and
8 Schuylkill Counties; and

9 WHEREAS, Lehighton Fire Department from Lehighton, Carbon
10 County, Citizen's Fire Company from Slatedale, Lehigh County,
11 Friedens Fire Company from Slatington, Lehigh County, Slatington
12 Fire Company from Slatington, Lehigh County, Star Hose Fire
13 Company No. 1 from Slatington, Lehigh County, North Penn
14 Goodwill Service from Souderton, Montgomery County,
15 Klecknersville Rangers Volunteer Fire Company from Northampton
16 County, Lehigh Township Fire Department from Northampton County,
17 West Penn Township Fire Department from Schuylkill County and
18 Polk Township Fire Department from Monroe County were among the
19 scores of responding volunteer fire departments; and

20 WHEREAS, Fire departments from Aquashicola, Jim Thorpe, Penn
21 Forest Township, Nesquehoning, Summit Hill, Lansford,
22 Bowmanstown, Franklin Township, Mahoning Township, Palmerton,
23 Parryville and Towamensing Township also mobilized for this
24 incident; and

25 WHEREAS, Carbon County 9-1-1, Lehighton Ambulance, Mahoning
26 Valley Ambulance and Palmerton Ambulance contributed to the
27 concerted fire and emergency medical service response; and

28 WHEREAS, The Salvation Army Canteen Service from Berks County
29 delivered assistance; and

30 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives respectfully

1 acknowledges the brave individuals who endeavored to control
2 conditions on Blue Mountain and who did so without injury;
3 therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
5 first responders who safely battled and contained the East Penn
6 Township wildland fire on April 18 and 19, 2015.