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A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Appalachian Region  
2 Independent Power Producers Association and designating the  
3 week of June 10 through 17, 2019, as "ARIPPA - 30 Years of  
4 Producing Environmentally Beneficial Alternative Energy -  
5 Recognition Week" in Pennsylvania.

6 WHEREAS, In 1989, the Anthracite Region Independent Power  
7 Producers Association was organized as a nonprofit trade  
8 association; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2017, the organization changed its name to the  
10 Appalachian Region Independent Power Producers Association  
11 (ARIPPA) to recognize that its member plants operate in the  
12 bituminous and anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania and West  
13 Virginia; and

14 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental  
15 Protection Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation currently  
16 identifies more than 770 coal refuse piles across Pennsylvania,  
17 45 of which are currently burning, covering 8,300 acres of land  
18 and containing more than 220 million tons of coal refuse; and

19 WHEREAS, ARIPPA represents environmental remediation

1 companies operating circulating fluidized bed (CFB) electric  
2 generating plants that utilize coal refuse to produce  
3 alternative energy; and

4 WHEREAS, CFB plants remove polluting coal refuse piles from  
5 abandoned mine land areas, convert it into alternative energy  
6 and beneficially utilize CFB ash to reclaim environmentally  
7 damaged areas back to their natural state; and

8 WHEREAS, ARIPPA member plants eliminate public health and  
9 safety hazards produced by coal refuse piles, which can  
10 spontaneously combust, emitting ground-level pollutants, leach  
11 acid mine water and other hazardous substances and are major  
12 sources of land, air and water pollution; and

13 WHEREAS, ARIPPA member plants in Pennsylvania have  
14 collectively removed and converted more than 225 million tons of  
15 polluting coal refuse into alternative energy; and

16 WHEREAS, ARIPPA member plants have reclaimed more than 7,200  
17 acres of formerly environmentally damaged, mining-scarred lands  
18 in Pennsylvania; and

19 WHEREAS, ARIPPA member plants have restored more than 1,200  
20 miles of formerly dead and polluted Pennsylvania streams; and

21 WHEREAS, ARIPPA member plants have eliminated public safety  
22 hazards, including hundreds of uncontrollably burning coal  
23 refuse fires emitting ground-level pollutants; and

24 WHEREAS, ARIPPA member plants have employed, directly and  
25 indirectly, thousands of Pennsylvania residents; and

26 WHEREAS, The communities, lands and streams surrounding these  
27 alternative energy plants have experienced environmental and  
28 economic improvements due mainly to the decades of hard work and  
29 dedication these workers and the coal refuse-to-energy industry  
30 have provided; and

1       WHEREAS, These achievements of the industry, both  
2 environmental and economic, deserve recognition by the  
3 Commonwealth; therefore be it

4       RESOLVED, That the Senate celebrate the 30th anniversary of  
5 the Appalachian Region Independent Power Producers Association  
6 and the efforts of its member plants in producing  
7 environmentally beneficial alternative energy; and be it further

8       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of June 10  
9 through 17, 2019, as "ARIPPA - 30 Years of Producing  
10 Environmentally Beneficial Alternative Energy - Recognition  
11 Week" in Pennsylvania.