

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2019

INTRODUCED BY GOODMAN, BERNSTINE, BIZZARRO, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE,
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PYLE, READSHAW AND YOUNGBLOOD, JUNE 11, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 11, 2019

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 760 coal refuse piles across Pennsylvania,
17 92 of which are currently burning, covering 8,300 acres of land
18 and containing more than 220 million tons of coal refuse; and

1 WHEREAS, ARIPPA represents environmental remediation
2 companies operating circulating fluidized bed (CFB) electric
3 generating plants that utilize coal refuse to produce
4 alternative energy; and

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

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

14 WHEREAS, ARIPPA member plants in Pennsylvania have
15 collectively removed and converted more than 230 million tons of
16 polluting coal refuse into alternative energy; and

17 WHEREAS, ARIPPA member plants have reclaimed more than 7,000
18 acres of formerly environmentally damaged, mining-scarred lands
19 in Pennsylvania; and

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

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

25 WHEREAS, ARIPPA plant members have employed, directly and
26 indirectly, thousands of Pennsylvania residents; and

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

1 industry have provided; and

2 WHEREAS, ARIPPA member plants provide a downstream
3 environmental benefit of improved water quality throughout
4 Delaware, Susquehanna and Ohio River watersheds; and

5 WHEREAS, ARIPPA has donated thousands of dollars to various
6 deserving volunteer watershed and conservancy groups performing
7 acid mine leakage and acid mine drainage remediation
8 improvements; and

9 WHEREAS, The achievements of the industry, both environmental
10 and economic, deserve recognition by the Commonwealth; therefore
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrate the
13 30th anniversary of the Appalachian Region Independent Power
14 Producers Association and the efforts of its plant members in
15 producing environmentally beneficial alternative energy; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
18 week of June 10 through 17, 2019, as "ARIPPA - 30 Years of
19 Producing Environmentally Beneficial Alternative Energy -
20 Recognition Week" in Pennsylvania.