
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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YOUNGBLOOD, MAY 4, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 4, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 4, 2015, as "Crossing Guard Appreciation Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Commonwealth municipalities place a high priority on
4 preserving the health and welfare of our children, especially
5 with respect to our school-aged youth through the utilization of
6 adult crossing guards; and

7 WHEREAS, Each and every school day, thousands of dedicated
8 Pennsylvanians, assuming the invaluable and often thankless role
9 of adult crossing guard, spend countless hours assisting our
10 children and youth cross busy intersections as they arrive and
11 depart from school; and

12 WHEREAS, As veritable role models, adult crossing guards
13 assist our children with developing the skills necessary to
14 cross streets safely at all times, help with reminding drivers
15 of the presence of pedestrians and provide parents with a
16 greater sense of comfort and reassurance regarding the well-

1 being of their children; and

2 WHEREAS, According to the most recent data provided by the
3 Bureau of Labor Statistics, Pennsylvania has a total of 4,220
4 adult crossing guards, who earn a median hourly wage of \$12.59,
5 excluding volunteer adult crossing guards; and

6 WHEREAS, A 2005 study by the National Highway Traffic Safety
7 Administration reported that 275 school-age children 5 to 15
8 years of age were killed and 15,000 were injured in
9 pedestrian/motor vehicle crashes; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the National Institute for Occupational
11 Safety and Health, from 1998 through 2008, 120 adult crossing
12 guards lost their lives on the job in the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, In light of these sobering statistics, the need to
14 provide training for adult crossing guards is essential to
15 preserving the safety and lives of our school-age children; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs
17 have played an integral role in both ensuring that our adult
18 crossing guards are adequately trained and that more of our
19 children are bicycling and walking to schools safely on a daily
20 basis; and

21 WHEREAS, The SRTS programs provide technical assistance to
22 local municipalities for the purpose of helping them start their
23 own SRTS programs; and

24 WHEREAS, The efforts of our Commonwealth's adult crossing
25 guards, in tandem with the work of the SRTS programs, is
26 directly responsible for making this Commonwealth one of the
27 safest and most secure places in the nation for our school-age
28 children to travel to and from school; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 4,
30 2015, as "Crossing Guard Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania; and

1 be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives acknowledge both
3 the efforts and the indispensable role that adult crossing
4 guards assume in this Commonwealth.