

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 583 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY MOLCHANY, BROWNLEE, KORTZ, CALTAGIRONE, LUCAS, KINSEY, HENNESSEY, MILLARD, READSHAW, FRANKEL, COHEN, HAGGERTY, SNYDER, VEREB, YOUNGBLOOD, WHEATLEY, DIGIROLAMO, GIBBONS, MCNEILL, ROEBUCK, W. KELLER, GINGRICH, PAINTER, ROSS, WHITE, DEASY, FARINA AND MURT, DECEMBER 17, 2013

AS AMENDED, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, APRIL 2, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of ~~February 10 through 16, 2014~~, MAY 10 <--
2 THROUGH 23, 2014, as "Emerald View Park Trail Week" in this
3 Commonwealth to honor Mount Washington Community Development
4 Corporation's Emerald View Park Program for demonstrating how
5 people in a community can work together to improve the
6 quality of life in their neighborhoods.

7 WHEREAS, Citizens, community members and lawmakers in this
8 Commonwealth have the responsibility to preserve, nurture and
9 protect our environment; and

10 WHEREAS, Community development fosters safer and more livable
11 neighborhoods, which creates a higher demand for real estate and
12 attracts people as well as small businesses; and

13 WHEREAS, Intersecting problems and hyper-localizing capital
14 solves multiple neighborhood issues; and

15 WHEREAS, The Mount Washington and Duquesne Heights
16 neighborhoods of Pittsburgh saw the potential in their
17 underutilized community parks and greenways and attempted to
18 capture that value through the creation of the Emerald View

1 Park; and

2 WHEREAS, The ultimate goal of the project is to create and
3 connect 20 miles of trail, encircling the two communities and
4 connecting the historical parks of Grandview, Olympia and
5 Dilworth with the Duquesne Heights Greenway; and

6 WHEREAS, Those involved in the Emerald View Park project as
7 volunteers or otherwise have removed 250,000 pounds of waste,
8 which created approximately six miles of new trails and
9 refurbished another four miles of the community that had dated
10 back to the 1930s; and

11 WHEREAS, The Emerald View Park Trail Corps program offers a
12 unique opportunity for employment by training workers in a very
13 unique skill set for trail construction and conservation in
14 difficult terrain where machinery cannot be used and it pays its
15 workers a living wage with benefits; and

16 WHEREAS, The park has become a marquee location in the
17 community, as seen in the increased sale prices of nearby
18 houses, the opening of new businesses in the community and as
19 demonstrated by the recognition of the Mount Washington
20 Community Development Corporation as a Champion in Action in the
21 neighborhood revitalization category by Citizens Bank and
22 program partners WPXI-TV, Trib Total Media and Pittsburgh Cares
23 for all the collaborative and other work in the park's
24 development; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
26 week of ~~February 10 through 16, 2014~~, MAY 10 THROUGH 23, 2014, <--
27 as "Emerald View Park Trail Week" to honor and recognize Mount
28 Washington Community Development Corporation's Emerald View Park
29 Program for demonstrating how people in a community can work
30 together to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate
3 Mount Washington Community Development Corporation on the
4 completion of its most recent segment of trail and celebrate the
5 innovative partnership that sustains the Emerald View Park
6 project, which can serve as a great example that other
7 neighborhoods and communities across this Commonwealth can
8 follow in doing sustainable redevelopment and job training of
9 residents.