
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 884 Session of
2014

INTRODUCED BY OBERLANDER, COHEN, HENNESSEY, McNEILL, MILLARD,
SONNEY, CALTAGIRONE, DiGIROLAMO, REED, MASSER, JAMES,
KILLION, PICKETT, SCHLOSSBERG, GIBBONS, THOMAS, MAJOR,
GODSHALL, CAUSER, SWANGER, GOODMAN, WATSON, MURT, LUCAS,
READSHAW, KIRKLAND, CORBIN, CARROLL, ROSS, RAPP, HARHART,
EVERETT, SAYLOR, R. MILLER, VEREB, SCHLEGEL CULVER, KORTZ,
KULA, HARHAI, GINGRICH, WHITE, GABLER, CLYMER AND BARBIN,
JUNE 6, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 6, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Anthracite Region
2 Independent Power Producers Association (ARIPPA) and
3 designating the week of August 18 through 24, 2014, as
4 "ARIPPA - 25 Years of Producing Environmentally Beneficial
5 Alternative Energy - Recognition Week" in Pennsylvania.

6 WHEREAS, More than two billion tons of coal refuse sit on
7 piles across this Commonwealth, resulting in Acid Mine Drainage
8 (AMD), which is the largest source of water pollution in this
9 Commonwealth, degrading 5,500 miles of rivers and streams; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation
11 estimates the cost to eliminate these problems that are
12 associated with abandoned mines and to complete the cleanup of
13 abandoned mine land and AMD sites in this Commonwealth is
14 approximately \$14.6 billion of taxpayer funds and will take
15 nearly 500 years; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1989, the Anthracite Region Independent Power

1 Producers Association (ARIPPA) was organized as a nonprofit
2 trade association; and

3 WHEREAS, ARIPPA represents Circulating Fluidized Bed (CFB)
4 electric generating plants that utilize coal refuse to produce
5 alternative energy; and

6 WHEREAS, CFB plants remove coal refuse from abandoned mine
7 land areas, convert it into alternative energy and beneficially
8 utilize CFB ash to restore formerly damaged areas back to their
9 natural state, without any expenditure of tax dollars; and

10 WHEREAS, ARIPPA plant members have collectively removed and
11 converted over 212 million tons of coal refuse into alternative
12 energy, according to ARIPPA estimates; and

13 WHEREAS, ARIPPA plant members have reclaimed thousands of
14 acres of formerly environmentally damaged, mine-scarred lands;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, ARIPPA plant members have restored hundreds of miles
17 of formerly dead and polluted streams; and

18 WHEREAS, ARIPPA plant members have eliminated public safety
19 hazards, including hundreds of uncontrollably burning coal
20 refuse fires emitting ground-level pollutants; and

21 WHEREAS, ARIPPA plant members annually produce approximately
22 1,400 MGWs of alternative energy and steam; and

23 WHEREAS, ARIPPA plant members have employed directly and
24 indirectly thousands of citizens; and

25 WHEREAS, ARIPPA plant members have donated thousands of
26 dollars to various volunteer watershed and conservation groups
27 performing abandoned mine land and AMD remediation; and

28 WHEREAS, These achievements of the industry, both
29 environmental and economic, deserve recognition by the
30 Commonwealth; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrate the
2 25th anniversary of the Anthracite Region Independent Power
3 Producers Association (ARIPPA) and the efforts of its plant
4 members in producing environmentally beneficial alternative
5 energy; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
7 week of August 18 through 24, 2014, as "ARIPPA - 25 Years of
8 Producing Environmentally Beneficial Alternative Energy -
9 Recognition Week" in Pennsylvania.