
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 283 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY TAYLOR AND W. KELLER, APRIL 24, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 24, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the employees of the Pennsylvania Turnpike
2 Commission and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
3 for their quick response and hard work to assist the
4 Commonwealth of Massachusetts with snow removal due to
5 repeated significant snow storms in February 2015.

6 WHEREAS, In early 2015, several massive storms resulting in
7 record snowfall hit the region of Boston, Massachusetts; and

8 WHEREAS, On February 11, 2015, the Commonwealth of
9 Massachusetts requested aid through the Emergency Management
10 Assistance Compact, or EMAC, coordinated through the
11 Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency; and

12 WHEREAS, The EMAC is a congressionally ratified mutual aid
13 compact that legally establishes a national system to facilitate
14 resources across state lines during an emergency disaster; and

15 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) and the
16 Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT)
17 collaboratively identified staff and equipment across this
18 Commonwealth and quickly mobilized emergency management
19 procedures; and

1 WHEREAS, On February 12 and 13, the PTC and PennDOT sent
2 crews and equipment to assist with snow removal from some of the
3 small towns and boroughs in the greater Boston area; and

4 WHEREAS, The PTC committed 10 equipment operators, two
5 mechanics and two assistant foremen with five dump trucks and
6 five backhoes from PTC operations across this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, PennDOT officials enlisted 18 plow and mechanic
8 trucks, three backhoes and three lowboy tractor trailers to
9 transport backhoes from PennDOT's Montoursville, King of Prussia
10 and Uniontown-based regions, as well as more than 27 operators
11 and other staff from those same PennDOT regions and its
12 Clearfield-based office; and

13 WHEREAS, PTC and PennDOT employees went above and beyond the
14 call of duty, leaving their own homes and families for extended
15 periods of time to provide superior customer service and to
16 ensure the safety of others in the Commonwealth of
17 Massachusetts; and

18 WHEREAS, PTC and PennDOT employees also continued to deliver
19 exemplary service to the citizens of this Commonwealth in
20 relation to winter operations, remaining committed to the safety
21 of travelers in-State; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
23 employees of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and the
24 Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for their quick
25 response and hard work to assist the Commonwealth of
26 Massachusetts with snow removal due to repeated significant snow
27 storms in February 2015; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
29 the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and Pennsylvania Department
30 of Transportation Central Offices to share with their respective

1 employees and colleagues.