

House Resolution 209

By: Representatives Drenner of the 85th and Henson of the 86th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Sea Trust Institute and its Action Within A Resilient Environment
2 (A.W.A.R.E.) program; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, an environmental research and educational nonprofit organization, the Sea Trust
4 Institute actively works to provide environmental adaptation, education, research, and
5 policies for global communities; and

6 WHEREAS, committed to sustainable science, policy, and government, the Sea Trust
7 Institute engages in both scientific and educational endeavors and focuses on climate change
8 and health; and

9 WHEREAS, ultimately hoping to increase stewardship of valuable natural resources, the
10 organization's project teams actively work to provide grassroots information to the
11 international decision-making forum and to bring global knowledge into relevance at
12 community levels; and

13 WHEREAS, the Sea Trust Institute's mission is to involve all known and relevant
14 stakeholders, establish common knowledge, act with ethics, identify and prioritize critical
15 issues and research programs, facilitate awareness and education, and build partnerships and
16 commitments; and

17 WHEREAS, current partners include Nurses Across the Borders Humanitarian Initiative, the
18 Collaborative on Health and the Environment, Health Care Without Harm, the Health and
19 Environment Alliance, Institute for Environmental Research and Education, the American
20 Center for Life Cycle Assessment, IBM, and JBH and Associates; and

21 WHEREAS, the Sea Trust Institute's Action Within A Resilient Environment (A.W.A.R.E.)
22 program is an initiative that empowers high school students through customized community
23 service projects, provides students with the skill set and knowledge required to make a

24 positive impact, both domestically and globally, and engages students with scientific,
25 engineering, social, and policy oriented processes; and these students participate in
26 experiential learning projects with an environmental education focus; and

27 WHEREAS, example projects include information gathering, water issues, and community
28 based initiatives; and

29 WHEREAS, students are given the opportunity to undertake service that matches their
30 specific interests, such as policy, science, or social determinants; increase their
31 professionalism as they are connected with a diverse peer network of college and university
32 students participating in the Sea Trust Global Internship Program and with active scholars
33 and professional practitioners; and earn community service for high school and valuable
34 experience for college and university applications.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body commend the Sea Trust Institute and its Action Within A Resilient
37 Environment (A.W.A.R.E.) Program.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Sea
40 Trust Institute and its Action Within A Resilient Environment (A.W.A.R.E.) program.