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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, MARCH 5, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 6 through 14, 2024, as "National
2 Robotics Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is a global leader in the robotics
4 field, serving as a home for hundreds of robotics companies; and

5 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has a rich history of robotics,
6 dating back to the creation of the first robots in the early
7 1900s by Pittsburgh-based business Westinghouse; and

8 WHEREAS, Pittsburgh, once dubbed "Roboburgh" and "Robotics
9 Row," is a powerhouse in the autonomous robot industry and a
10 host to more than 140 industry organizations, 20 academic and
11 research organizations and Carnegie Mellon University, a
12 trailblazer in the robotics field; and

13 WHEREAS, Carnegie Mellon University established the Robotics
14 Institute in 1979 and created the world's first Ph.D. program in
15 robotics 10 years later; and

16 WHEREAS, Robotics Institute program graduates have taken up
17 esteemed positions and worked on important projects like the

1 development of Mars rovers; and

2 WHEREAS, Programs like the Ben Franklin Technology Partners,
3 which partner with the Department of Community and Economic
4 Development, support robotics and technology-based industries
5 across this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Learning about robotics at a young age can promote
7 the development of important skills, such as critical and
8 creative thinking and problem solving, while also promoting
9 educational concepts like science, mathematics and computer
10 science; and

11 WHEREAS, The first annual "National Robotics Week" was
12 designated in 2010 by the United States House of Representatives
13 to promote the ever-growing robotics industry throughout the
14 country; and

15 WHEREAS, Events such as industry showcases and robotics
16 competitions are held during "National Robotics Week" to inspire
17 students to consider careers in the science, technology,
18 engineering and mathematics, or STEM, fields; and

19 WHEREAS, Industry leaders demonstrate through "National
20 Robotics Week" the prevalence of robots in our society and that
21 robots can come in many different shapes and sizes to perform a
22 variety of helpful tasks that benefit our planet as a whole; and

23 WHEREAS, "National Robotics Week" serves to encourage
24 students across the country to get involved in the robotics
25 field and learn more about the ways that robots continue to
26 shape the world around them; and

27 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes the crucial
28 role that this Commonwealth plays in the global robotics
29 industry and the importance of inspiring the next generation of
30 roboticists; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April 6
2 through 14, 2024, as "National Robotics Week" in Pennsylvania.