
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 932 Session of
2014

INTRODUCED BY COHEN, P. DALEY, MILLARD, READSHAW, MIRABITO,
NEILSON, THOMAS, HENNESSEY, V. BROWN, KOTIK, McNEILL, PARKER,
KINSEY, CALTAGIRONE, CUTLER, YOUNGBLOOD, MAHONEY, BARRAR,
BOBACK, LUCAS, ROSS, DIGIROLAMO, FARINA, MAJOR, MCGEEHAN,
MARSICO, SABATINA, BROWNLEE AND FLECK, JUNE 28, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 28, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 15th anniversary of the Law and Government
2 Institute of Widener University School of Law.

3 WHEREAS, Professor John L. Gedid, the founder and former
4 director of the Law and Government Institute of Widener
5 University School of Law, established the Law and Government
6 Institute as part of Widener University School of Law in 1999;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Professor Gedid retired in July 2013, and the new
9 director of the Law and Government Institute is Professor Jill
10 Family; and

11 WHEREAS, The Law and Government Institute is the signature
12 program of Widener University School of Law's Harrisburg Campus;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Located in the capital city, the Law and Government
15 Institute partners with policymakers, the media and key State
16 officials to explore the intersections of policy, politics and

1 the law; and

2 WHEREAS, The Law and Government Institute educates students
3 and the public about the law that governs administrative
4 agencies and works to improve the regulatory process; and

5 WHEREAS, The Law and Government Institute provides
6 certificate programs for law students in Administrative Law,
7 Environmental Law and Legislation; and

8 WHEREAS, The Law and Government Institute provides students
9 with the opportunity to learn about the legislative process
10 through its Legislation Certificate; and

11 WHEREAS, Law and Government Institute students contribute to
12 government law by completing externships with State government
13 agencies; and

14 WHEREAS, Over 150 Widener University School of Law alumni
15 have graduated with a Law and Government Certificate; and

16 WHEREAS, Widener University School of Law students prepare
17 annotations for the Pennsylvania Code; and

18 WHEREAS, Widener University School of Law students publish
19 articles for continuing legal education programs of the
20 Statutory Law Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association; and

21 WHEREAS, Widener University School of Law has educated alumni
22 who currently serve, or have previously served, in Pennsylvania
23 State government, including Senator Richard Alloway II, and
24 Representatives Mark B. Cohen, Bryan Cutler, Peter J. Daley II,
25 Madeleine Dean, John P. Sabatina Jr., and Todd Stephens; retired
26 Senator Anthony Andrezeski and retired Representatives Ronald
27 Cowell, Tom Houghton, David Mayernik, Frank J. Pistella, Curt
28 Schroder and the late Terry Van Horne; current Auditor General
29 Eugene DePasquale; former United States Congressman Patrick J.
30 Murphy; and many staff presently employed by the Senate and

1 House of Representatives, including Secretary of the Senate,
2 Megan Consedine; the judiciary; and State agencies under the
3 jurisdiction of the Governor; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
5 15th anniversary of the Law and Government Institute of Widener
6 University School of Law; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives extend
8 congratulations and appreciation to the Law and Government
9 Institute for the contributions provided by the institute to
10 this Commonwealth, in general, and to the General Assembly, in
11 particular; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
13 Jill Family, Associate Professor of Law and Director, Law and
14 Government Institute, Widener University School of Law,
15 Harrisburg Campus, 3800 Vartan Way, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
16 17106.