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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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DERMODY, COHEN, P. DALEY, JAMES, VEREB, DONATUCCI, HARHART,  
CONKLIN, WHEATLEY, WATSON, SANKEY, DeLUCA, ROSS, EVERETT AND  
GINGRICH, MARCH 4, 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 4, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 4, 2015, as "Pitt Day in Harrisburg."

2 WHEREAS, The University of Pittsburgh was founded in 1787,  
3 making it one of the oldest institutions of higher education in  
4 the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, The University of Pittsburgh, a State-related  
6 institution since 1966, continues to advance its mission as a  
7 leader in education, a pioneer in research and a partner with  
8 the Commonwealth in economic development; and

9 WHEREAS, The university is currently home to approximately  
10 25,000 undergraduate students and more than 10,000 graduate  
11 students; and

12 WHEREAS, Pitt is one of the nation's best institutions for  
13 undergraduate education, according to *The Princeton Review's*  
14 2015 edition of its annual college guide, *The Best 379 Colleges*;  
15 and

1       WHEREAS, The most recent edition of *Saviors of Our Cities:*  
2 *Survey of the Best College and University Civic Partnerships*  
3 ranked Pitt as the top public university in the nation; and

4       WHEREAS, The university ranks fifth among all American  
5 universities in terms of the Federal science and engineering  
6 research and development support attracted by members of its  
7 faculty; and

8       WHEREAS, For the 10th consecutive year, Pitt ranks as the top  
9 value among all public universities in Pennsylvania by  
10 *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*; and

11       WHEREAS, Last year, Pitt conferred more than 9,000  
12 undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees; and

13       WHEREAS, Since 1995, Pitt undergraduates have won four Rhodes  
14 Scholarships, six Marshall Scholarships, five Truman  
15 Scholarships, seven Udall Scholarships, one Gates Cambridge  
16 Scholarship, two Churchill Scholarships and 43 Goldwater  
17 Scholarships; and

18       WHEREAS, Pitt employs more than 13,000 Pennsylvania residents  
19 at its main campus and campuses in Bradford, Greensburg,  
20 Johnstown and Titusville; and

21       WHEREAS, This year marks the 19th year of "Pitt Day in  
22 Harrisburg"; and

23       WHEREAS, "Pitt Day in Harrisburg" is sponsored by Pitt  
24 Advocates and the Pitt Alumni Association in partnership with  
25 the Office of Community and Governmental Relations of the  
26 University of Pittsburgh; and

27       WHEREAS, "Pitt Day in Harrisburg" has given members of the  
28 General Assembly an opportunity to talk with alumni, faculty and  
29 students about their work and to gain a first-hand perspective  
30 of the challenges and changes facing public higher education;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, The University of Pittsburgh's "Legislative Day"  
3 started as a small breakfast gathering, attended predominantly  
4 by local legislative staff, in the Chancellor's office on  
5 campus; and

6 WHEREAS, This event has evolved into "Pitt Day in  
7 Harrisburg," a day-long celebration of the university and its  
8 accomplishments in the Capitol; and

9 WHEREAS, "Pitt Day in Harrisburg" has become an annual  
10 opportunity for the University of Pittsburgh's alumni and  
11 friends to advocate for the university; and

12 WHEREAS, "Pitt Day in Harrisburg" is regularly enjoyed by  
13 members of the Governor's administration, General Assembly,  
14 their staff, alumni and friends of the university; therefore be  
15 it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March  
17 4, 2015, as "Pitt Day in Harrisburg" and recognize the  
18 tremendous impact the University of Pittsburgh has on this  
19 Commonwealth.