
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 254 Session of
2015

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WATSON, WHEELAND, PEIFER, YOUNGBLOOD AND GINGRICH,
APRIL 15, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 15, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 21, 2015, as "Independent College and
2 University Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, April 21 is Independent College Day at the Capitol,
4 when many students, advisors and friends will visit members of
5 the General Assembly to discuss the benefits and needs of
6 private higher education in this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is blessed to have more than 90
8 independent nonprofit colleges and universities throughout this
9 Commonwealth serving nearly 300,000 students, or 41% of the
10 total students enrolled in this Commonwealth.

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's independent colleges and universities
12 serve more than 58,910 low-income students; and

13 WHEREAS, Independent colleges and universities in
14 Pennsylvania award 48% of all bachelor's degrees for all

1 students and 52% of all bachelor's degrees for minorities; and

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's independent colleges and universities
3 educate more working adults than public four-year universities,
4 which enables these adults to increase their knowledge and value
5 in the workplace; and

6 WHEREAS, Independent colleges and universities in
7 Pennsylvania provide 49% of all degrees and employ over 75,000
8 people on their campuses; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's independent colleges and
10 universities' missions include strengthening families and
11 communities, encouraging civic activity and working toward a
12 better world through strong international and national programs;
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
15 21, 2015, as "Independent College and University Day" in
16 Pennsylvania and express congratulations and appreciation to the
17 independent colleges and universities across this Commonwealth.