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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
NOVEMBER 19, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the history and cooperative nature of the City of  
2 Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire in its daily service to the City of  
3 Pittsburgh, Allegheny County.

4 WHEREAS, The City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire was founded on  
5 September 12, 1793, and opened a fire station on the corner of  
6 First Avenue and Market Street in downtown Pittsburgh; and

7 WHEREAS, Originally a volunteer fire department, the bureau  
8 became a fully paid department on May 23, 1870; and

9 WHEREAS, On May 5, 1903, firefighters in the bureau created  
10 the first firefighter union in the world, and on September 11,  
11 1903, they organized the first local of what would become the  
12 International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF); and

13 WHEREAS, Pittsburgh firefighters became Local 1 of the IAFF  
14 after winning a coin toss with the Chicago Fire Department; and

15 WHEREAS, Currently, the bureau has four battalions, including

1 29 stations housing 34 engine companies, three quint companies,  
2 11 truck companies and a mobile air compressor unit comprising  
3 318 professional firefighters working together on a daily basis  
4 for the safety and security of the businesses and the  
5 approximately 345,000 residents of the City of Pittsburgh; and

6 WHEREAS, The City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire, City of  
7 Pittsburgh Police Department and the Pittsburgh Emergency  
8 Services Department have worked together to ensure events such  
9 as the G-20 Summit, the multitude of athletic events, the  
10 numerous movie film productions, the various parades, the  
11 Pittsburgh Marathon, the National Night Out and many other  
12 events do not encounter any misfortune; and

13 WHEREAS, The City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire, the City of  
14 Pittsburgh Police Department and the Pittsburgh Emergency  
15 Services Department work closely with other municipalities of  
16 the Region 13 for strategic planning and disaster preparedness  
17 and have formed the Swiftwater Rescue Team to assist with  
18 accidents and emergencies in and around the Pittsburgh area;  
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the history  
21 and cooperative nature of the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire  
22 in its daily service to the City of Pittsburgh.