
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A. HARRIS, WATSON, KNOWLES, KINSEY AND ROSS, APRIL 1, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 1, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2016 as "Pennsylvania Community
2 College Month."

3 WHEREAS, For 53 years this Commonwealth's community colleges
4 have provided accessible and affordable higher education,
5 workforce training and transfer opportunities for millions of
6 Pennsylvania residents; and

7 WHEREAS, In the current year, the community colleges serve
8 nearly 314,000 students across all of the State's counties and
9 94 percent of credit students are PA residents; and

10 WHEREAS, One out of every five undergraduates of this
11 Commonwealth attends a community college; and

12 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer and support dual enrollment
13 of more than 11,400 high school students, representing half of
14 this Commonwealth's school districts; and

15 WHEREAS, Community colleges serve non-traditional students,

1 part-time students, dislocated workers and veterans in this
2 Commonwealth and offer increased access through online education
3 courses and programs, allowing students to build their academic
4 credentials and certifications while maintaining their work
5 schedules and family responsibilities; and

6 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer the most affordable pathway
7 to the baccalaureate through more than 2,800 transfer and
8 articulation agreements to ensure students seamlessly transition
9 from the community college to a four-year degree with more than
10 35,400 students transferring each year; and

11 WHEREAS, Community colleges continue to graduate students in
12 many of the high-demand and high-growth industries vital to the
13 State's economy, particularly in health care, public safety,
14 manufacturing, and energy; and

15 WHEREAS, Fifty-five percent of those credit programs are in
16 the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, or STEM, field;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer individualized credit and
19 non-credit courses and programs that enhance the workforce
20 pipeline and stimulate the Commonwealth's economy; and

21 WHEREAS, More than 1,190 employers throughout this
22 Commonwealth have contracted with community colleges to provide
23 training for more employees and 46,280 employees have been
24 trained by community colleges throughout the State; therefore be
25 it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
27 month of April 2016 as "Pennsylvania Community College Month"
28 and encourage all citizens to recognize, appreciate and support
29 the contributions these institutions make to their communities
30 and our Commonwealth.