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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY TEPLITZ, FERLO, WOZNIAK, DINNIMAN, STACK,  
GREENLEAF, SMITH, EICHELBERGER, GORDNER, BOSCOLA, BROWNE,  
FONTANA, RAFFERTY, COSTA, ALLOWAY, BRUBAKER, HUGHES, FOLMER,  
VANCE AND YUDICHAK, FEBRUARY 4, 2014

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, FEBRUARY 4, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 14, 2014, as "Harrisburg Area Community  
2 College Day" in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the  
3 community college.

4 WHEREAS, Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) was  
5 established on February 14, 1964, as the first community college  
6 in Pennsylvania; and

7 WHEREAS, HACC is the largest and oldest of Pennsylvania's 14  
8 community colleges; and

9 WHEREAS, HACC serves the central Pennsylvania region through  
10 campuses in Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lebanon, York and  
11 additional off-site learning locations and offers a robust  
12 virtual learning environment; and

13 WHEREAS, HACC opened its doors to 426 students in its first  
14 year, it currently enrolls more than 20,000 students each  
15 semester and has a network of more than 50,000 alumni; and

16 WHEREAS, Over the past 50 years, more than 287,000 credit  
17 students have taken courses at HACC and more than 380,000

1 students have received training and instruction in noncredit  
2 programs; and

3 WHEREAS, HACC offers career associate and transfer degree  
4 programs, diplomas and certificate programs and workforce  
5 development programs in health care, computer training, fire  
6 training, law enforcement and safety, security and technology  
7 and trades; and

8 WHEREAS, HACC's mission is to "create opportunities and  
9 transform lives to shape the future - together"; and

10 WHEREAS, HACC's mission reflects its strong commitment to  
11 meeting the needs of local communities and students through the  
12 dedication and service of its high-quality faculty and staff;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, With the leadership of the board of trustees and  
15 under the direction of Board Chairman, Timothy Sandoe, and  
16 college President, Dr. John J. "Ski" Sygielski, HACC is  
17 committed to being the first choice for an accessible and  
18 affordable higher education opportunity; and

19 WHEREAS, HACC provides scholarship programs through the HACC  
20 Foundation, which was established in 1985 to raise private and  
21 corporate revenues to support the college and its students; and

22 WHEREAS, The HACC Foundation contributed approximately \$2.2  
23 million in scholarships, special programs and facilities, and  
24 provided financial assistance to 1,345 students in the 2012-2013  
25 academic school year; and

26 WHEREAS, On February 13, 2014, HACC will begin its 50th  
27 anniversary and invite residents to fully participate and enjoy  
28 the many academic and cultural events planned through the year  
29 at each of its campuses; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate February 14, 2014, as

1 "Harrisburg Area Community College Day" in commemoration of the  
2 50th anniversary of the community college.