
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY PISTELLA, GLADECK, BELFANTI, CHADWICK, DONATUCCI,
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KOSINSKI, KASUNIC, HANNA, McGEEHAN, HUGHES AND BLACK,
MAY 8, 1991

ADOPTED, MAY 8, 1991

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Service Commission
2 of the Commonwealth and commending it for its high standards
3 of administration.

4 WHEREAS, Governor Arthur H. James signed the Civil Service
5 Act on August 5, 1941, creating a merit system of employment
6 administered by an independent commission known as the Civil
7 Service Commission; and

8 WHEREAS, When initiated, the merit system included 14,000
9 member-employees, who worked for the Department of Public
10 Assistance, Bureau of Employment Security, Liquor Control Board
11 and the Civil Service Commission; and

12 WHEREAS, By resolution dated September 10, 1956, and later
13 amendments the Executive Board of the Commonwealth expanded the
14 merit system to include 13,000 professional and technical
15 positions; and

16 WHEREAS, On August 26, 1963, Governor William W. Scranton
17 approved a major expansion for the merit system extending

1 coverage to more than half of the Commonwealth's workforce
2 thereby creating a single, uniform and modern system for all
3 civil servants, increasing the number of civil servants from
4 27,000 to 45,000 and the number of covered positions rose from
5 32,000 to 50,000; and

6 WHEREAS, During the 1970's, the act was amended again to
7 extend merit system coverage to State departments, boards,
8 commissions and to political subdivisions of the Commonwealth at
9 their request; and

10 WHEREAS, At present, there are 60,000 civil servants in the
11 merit system working in 36 State agencies and another 7,000 in
12 local government working in one of 298 local government agencies
13 located throughout the Commonwealth in mental health/mental
14 retardation; children and youth services; area agencies on
15 aging; emergency management; housing authorities, and drug and
16 alcohol units; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
18 50th Anniversary of the Civil Service Commission of the
19 Commonwealth; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Civil Service Commission be commended for
21 its high standards of administration of the State merit system
22 of employment; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
24 the Civil Service Commission, State Street Building, P.O. Box
25 569, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17108-0569.