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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 9, 1998

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the American Legislative Exchange Council on the  
2 occasion of its 25th Anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, In 1973 a small group of Democratic and Republican  
4 state legislators met in Chicago to found a bipartisan  
5 membership association that would advocate the fundamental  
6 Jeffersonian principles of free markets, limited government,  
7 federalism and individual liberty; and

8 WHEREAS, This new association was named the American  
9 Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC); and

10 WHEREAS, Over the past quarter-century, ALEC has been at the  
11 forefront of the revitalization of the Federal relationship  
12 between the states and the national government; and

1       WHEREAS, ALEC has served as a counterweight against  
2       tendencies to further centralize government at the national  
3       level by continuously striving to return as much power and  
4       resources as possible to the levels of government closest to the  
5       people; and

6       WHEREAS, ALEC, the largest bipartisan individual membership  
7       association of state legislators, has 3,000 state legislators-  
8       members and 30 full-time staff members; and

9       WHEREAS, The 300 foundations, companies and private sector  
10      members of ALEC form a vital public-private partnership that has  
11      stimulated a bounty of innovation and activity at the state  
12      level to the immense benefit of the citizens of this nation; and

13      WHEREAS, ALEC has created vital public policy laboratories  
14      for the development of policy strategies and model legislation  
15      for dissemination to the states through its nine national task  
16      forces on:

- 17           (1) Commerce and Economic Development;
- 18           (2) Civil Justice;
- 19           (3) Criminal justice;
- 20           (4) Education;
- 21           (5) Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and
- 22      Agriculture;
- 23           (6) Health and Human Services;
- 24           (7) Tax and Fiscal Policy;
- 25           (8) Telecommunications and Information Technology; and
- 26           (9) Trade and Transportation;

27      and

28      WHEREAS, ALEC has provided a forum for innovation and  
29      communication among its member states through its task forces,  
30      publications and cooperative public-private efforts to reach

1 common-sense, results-oriented policies; and

2 WHEREAS, During its first 25 years, ALEC has performed an  
3 immeasurable service to the people of this nation by preserving  
4 for all the opportunity to be effective participants in the  
5 greatest representative democracy on the face of the earth;  
6 therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the  
8 American Legislative Exchange Council on the occasion of its  
9 25th Anniversary and express its heartfelt gratitude for this  
10 outstanding organization's exemplary record of public service to  
11 its constituent states; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives extend its best  
13 wishes to the American Legislative Exchange Council for a long  
14 and productive future.