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MARCH 27, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2008 as "Pennsylvania Community
2 College Month."

3 WHEREAS, More than 445,000 students are enrolled in credit
4 and noncredit programs at community colleges in this
5 Commonwealth, with greater than four in nine credit students
6 enrolled in science, technology, engineering or mathematics
7 programs and 60% of credit students enrolled in transfer
8 programs; and

9 WHEREAS, Community colleges have developed more than 1,000
10 articulation agreements to ensure that students seamlessly

1 transition from the community college to a four-year university;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer individualized credit and
4 noncredit courses and programs that enhance the work force
5 pipeline and stimulate this Commonwealth's economy; and

6 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer and support dual enrollment
7 of more than 5,400 high school students who represent half of
8 this Commonwealth's school districts; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 23,500 students are enrolled in more than
10 1,100 distance learning courses and programs offered by the
11 community colleges so that students can build their academic
12 credentials and certifications while maintaining their work
13 schedules and family responsibilities; and

14 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer work force development and
15 public safety training throughout this Commonwealth, focusing on
16 industry clusters and high priority occupations; and

17 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's emergent and incumbent work
18 force obtains and renews required certifications through
19 community colleges; and

20 WHEREAS, Community colleges facilitate high-tech career
21 pathways with seamless curriculums by collaborating in 2+2+2
22 project grants; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That, in special recognition of community colleges
24 and their exemplary role in work force development in this
25 Commonwealth, the House of Representatives designate the month
26 of April 2008 as "Pennsylvania Community College Month" and
27 encourage all citizens to recognize, appreciate and support the
28 contributions these institutions make to their communities and
29 this Commonwealth.