

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 697 Session of 2010

INTRODUCED BY ROEBUCK, O'NEILL, McCALL, COHEN, MANN, CLYMER, CONKLIN, GRUCELA, HARKINS, LONGIETTI, WHEATLEY, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK, FLECK, QUIGLEY, RAPP, TALLMAN, BEAR, BELFANTI, BEYER, BISHOP, BOBACK, BRIGGS, BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, DeLUCA, DeWEESE, DiGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRELL, GROVE, HARHAI, HARPER, HELM, HENNESSEY, HICKERNELL, HUTCHINSON, JOSEPHS, KESSLER, KILLION, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, KOTIK, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, MATZIE, McGEEHAN, MILLARD, MIRABITO, MUNDY, MUSTIO, PARKER, PASHINSKI, PAYTON, PHILLIPS, PRESTON, QUINN, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROHRER, ROSS, SABATINA, SAINATO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SEIP, SIPTROTH, STABACK, TRUE, VULAKOVICH, WATSON, WHITE, MARSHALL, HESS AND CIVERA, MARCH 22, 2010

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 22, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2010 as "Pennsylvania Community
2 College Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, More than 227,000 students are currently enrolled in
4 credit programs at this Commonwealth's 14 community colleges,
5 and 219,000 students are enrolled in noncredit courses with a
6 focus on increasing workplace skills; and

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

9 WHEREAS, Nine and six-tenths percent of all credits are
10 provided through distance learning courses and programs offered
11 by the community colleges, allowing students to build their

1 academic credentials and certifications while maintaining their
2 work schedules and family responsibilities; and

3 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer and support dual enrollment
4 of more than 11,000 high school students, representing half of
5 this Commonwealth's school districts; and

6 WHEREAS, Community colleges facilitate high-technology career
7 pathways with seamless curricula by collaborating in 2+2+2
8 project grants; and

9 WHEREAS, Community colleges have developed more than 1,000
10 articulation agreements to ensure that students seamlessly
11 transition from the community college to a four-year degree with
12 more than 20,000 students transferring each year; and

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

16 WHEREAS, Community colleges are responding to the current
17 economic downturn by implementing tuition waiver programs to aid
18 unemployed workers, whose number currently totals more than
19 3,100, in obtaining crucial skills and knowledge for reentry
20 into the work force; and

21 WHEREAS, Community colleges have developed 84 new or
22 redesigned programs in response to regional needs of employers
23 and work force trends; and

24 WHEREAS, Employers throughout this Commonwealth have
25 contracted with community colleges to provide training for more
26 employees; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
28 month of April 2010 as "Pennsylvania Community College Month" in
29 Pennsylvania and encourage all citizens to recognize, appreciate
30 and support the contributions these institutions make to their

1 communities and to this Commonwealth.