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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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ROCK, ROSS, SWANGER, VEREB AND ELLIS, DECEMBER 13, 2011

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
DECEMBER 13, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Dr. Maravene Loeschke, President of Mansfield
2 University.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Maravene Loeschke's more than five years of
4 dedicated service as President of Mansfield University will come
5 to a close on December 30, 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, Maravene Loeschke was born and raised in Baltimore,
7 Maryland, and earned a bachelor of science degree in theatre and
8 English and a master of education degree from Towson University
9 and a doctor of philosophy degree from Union Institute &
10 University in Cincinnati; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Loeschke began her career as an actress and
12 production assistant at Maryland Public Television, however, she
13 discovered a love of teaching and became a faculty member in the
14 theatre department at Towson University, teaching acting, mime
15 and feminist theatre. She began her administrative career as
16 chairperson of the theatre department. She served as dean of the

College of Fine Arts and Communication at Towson University for five years. As dean she oversaw the award-winning architectural renovation of the Fine Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Dr. Loeschke was appointed provost of Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Loeschke is the author of three books, a monograph and numerous scholarly papers and articles including: *All About Mime* (Prentice Hall), *The Path Between* (a historical novel on Emily Dickinson's niece) and *Sixteen Women Who Changed Baltimore Theatre*; and

WHEREAS, Although Dr. Loeschke chose to follow a career in higher education, rather than in the professional theatre, she remained active in the theatre. For twenty seasons she performed each summer in the Maryland Arts Festival, including four one-woman shows. She was a cast member in Maryland Public Television's comedy series *Crabs*, Baltimore's version of *Saturday Night Live*. She directed over 20 plays. Her play "5" was professionally produced at the Theatre Project in Baltimore; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Loeschke is to be commended for her visionary and diligent leadership as President of Mansfield University over the past five years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Loeschke provided the highest standards of dedication to the mission of Mansfield University for the ultimate benefit of students, faculty, staff, alumni and the greater Mansfield community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Loeschke maintained close relationships with State and local legislators to advocate for the support of Mansfield University and the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Loeschke has tirelessly sought financial support
2 for the activities of Mansfield University from alumni and
3 friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure as President of Mansfield
5 University, Dr. Loeschke provided service to the surrounding
6 community through board involvement in groups such as the Tioga
7 County Development Corporation, the Betterment Organization of
8 Mansfield, Hamilton-Gibson and the Northern Tier Regional
9 Planning and Development Commission; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Loeschke has strived to enhance cultural
11 activities in the community through involvement with and support
12 of groups such as Hamilton-Gibson and the Endless Mountains
13 Music Festival; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Loeschke's tireless and energetic attention to
15 excellence has strengthened and elevated the far-reaching
16 benefits of Mansfield University and its mission; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Loeschke, in all circumstances, was committed to
18 ensuring that students are at the forefront of Mansfield
19 University's mission; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Loeschke will be leaving and accepting the
21 position of President of Towson University, where she began her
22 career 30 years ago; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Dr.
24 Maravene Loeschke, President of Mansfield University, for her
25 outstanding career in education and wish her continued success
26 in her future position with Towson University.