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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WARD, VULAKOVICH, SCAVELLO, BAKER, ARGALL,  
GREENLEAF, FONTANA, TEPLITZ, DINNIMAN, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY,  
AUMENT, SMITH, WHITE, COSTA, YUDICHAK AND FOLMER,  
APRIL 21, 2015

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 21, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 21, 2015, as "Independent College and  
2 University Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, April 21, 2015, is "Independent College Day at the  
4 Capitol," when many students, advisors and friends will visit  
5 members of the General Assembly to discuss the benefits and  
6 needs of private higher education in this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is fortunate to have more than 90  
8 independent nonprofit colleges and universities throughout the  
9 State serving nearly 300,000 students or 41% of the total number  
10 of students enrolled in college in this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's independent colleges and universities  
12 serve more than 58,910 low-income students; and

13 WHEREAS, Independent colleges and universities in this  
14 Commonwealth award 48% of all bachelor's degrees for all  
15 students and 52% of all bachelor's degrees for minorities; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's independent colleges and universities  
17 educate more working adults than public four-year universities,

1   which enables these adults to increase their knowledge and their  
2   value in the workplace; and

3       WHEREAS, Independent colleges and universities in this  
4   Commonwealth provide 49% of all degrees and employ over 75,000  
5   people on their campuses; and

6       WHEREAS, The missions of Pennsylvania's independent colleges  
7   and universities include strengthening families and communities,  
8   encouraging civic activity and working toward a better world  
9   through strong international and national programs; therefore be  
10  it

11       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate April 21, 2015, as  
12  "Independent College and University Day" in Pennsylvania and  
13  express congratulations and appreciation to the independent  
14  colleges and universities across this Commonwealth.