
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WHEATLEY, READSHAW, HENNESSEY, NEILSON, CONKLIN,
MILLARD, KINSEY, ROTHMAN, YOUNGBLOOD, BURNS AND A. DAVIS,
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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 16, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating and recognizing April 19, 2018, as the 50th
2 anniversary of the A. Philip Randolph Institute of
3 Pittsburgh.

4 WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr., once said, "Human progress
5 is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the
6 goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the
7 tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated
8 individuals"; and

9 WHEREAS, The A. Philip Randolph Institute of Pittsburgh is
10 celebrating its 50th anniversary; and

11 WHEREAS, Founded in 1968, the A. Philip Randolph Institute of
12 Pittsburgh is dedicated to social progress for minorities, the
13 poor and the working class; and

14 WHEREAS, Since its formation, the A. Philip Randolph
15 Institute of Pittsburgh policies and programs have been governed
16 by strict adherence to the political values and principles
17 exemplified by the institute's founder, A. Philip Randolph, who

1 lived from 1889 until 1979; and

2 WHEREAS, A. Philip Randolph was a trailblazing leader,
3 organizer and social activist who championed equitable labor
4 rights for African Americans during the 20th century; and

5 WHEREAS, The A. Philip Randolph Institute of Pittsburgh
6 provides a variety of programs to individuals that help extend
7 democracy, education and opportunity to those traditionally
8 disenfranchised or discouraged from participation; and

9 WHEREAS, The institute's mission is to improve the quality of
10 life for economically disadvantaged families by providing the
11 necessary resources that improve their standard of living,
12 foster self-improvement, self-empowerment and self-sufficiency;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The A. Philip Randolph Institute of Pittsburgh is
15 dedicated to those disenfranchised by situations, circumstances
16 or indifference; and

17 WHEREAS, Working with the labor movement and other allies,
18 the A. Philip Randolph Institute of Pittsburgh is dedicated to
19 building a world where families are able to make sustaining
20 wages and full inclusion is part of everyday life; and

21 WHEREAS, Upon remembering the 50th anniversary of Martin
22 Luther King, Jr.'s, assassination, we reflect on the
23 trailblazers of our past who came together determined to change
24 the world and remake an America that is more closely aligned
25 with our highest ideals; and

26 WHEREAS, Fifty years later, great progress has been made,
27 although more work still needs to be done; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrate and
29 recognize April 19, 2018, as the 50th anniversary of the A.
30 Philip Randolph Institute of Pittsburgh.