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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 3, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating The Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic
 2 Dance Marathon for raising more than \$10 million for the Four
 3 Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital to
 4 help fight pediatric cancer.

5 WHEREAS, THON is the commonly referred to name for The
 6 Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon,
 7 the largest student-run philanthropy in the world; and

8 WHEREAS, THON is a yearlong fundraising and awareness
 9 campaign to fight pediatric cancer, sustained by more than
 10 16,000 volunteers, that culminates in a 46-hour dance marathon
 11 in which dancers are not allowed to sit or sleep; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1977, THON partnered with the Four Diamonds Fund
 13 at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital and designated Four
 14 Diamonds as the sole beneficiary of THON's fundraising efforts;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Four Diamonds offsets the cost of treatment that
3 insurance does not cover, as well as expenses that may affect
4 the welfare of the child, and supports the medical team that
5 cares for the children and funds pediatric cancer research
6 through start-up grants and the Four Diamonds Pediatric Cancer
7 Research Institute; and

8 WHEREAS, Since 1977, THON has raised more than \$147 million
9 to help provide emotional and financial support to the children,
10 families, researchers and staff of the Four Diamonds Fund; and

11 WHEREAS, THON 2017 took place February 17 through 19, 2017,
12 at the Bryce Jordan Center at The Pennsylvania State University;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, THON 2017 revealed its total fundraising amount of
15 \$10,045,478.44; and

16 WHEREAS, THON has inspired similar events and organizations
17 across the United States, including at high schools and
18 institutions of higher education, and continues to encourage
19 students throughout the nation to volunteer and stay involved in
20 great charitable causes in their communities; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate The
22 Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon on
23 its continued success in support of the Four Diamonds Fund at
24 Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital and commend The
25 Pennsylvania State University students, volunteers and
26 supporting organizations for their hard work in putting together
27 another THON.