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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the 50th anniversary of the Three Rivers Arts Festival
2 in the City of Pittsburgh.

3 WHEREAS, On June 5th, 2009, the Three Rivers Arts Festival
4 began the celebration of its 50th anniversary in the heart of
5 downtown Pittsburgh, continuing its commitment to bringing
6 quality art to the city in the form of visual art exhibitions,
7 performances and film screenings; and

8 WHEREAS, Founded in 1960 by the Women's Committee of the
9 Carnegie Museum of Art, the Three Rivers Arts Festival was
10 originally envisioned as a small outdoor art show near the
11 Carnegie Institute; and

12 WHEREAS, The first chairman of the festival, Adolph Schmidt,
13 convinced the founders to take the art show downtown; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, the Three Rivers Arts festival is the
15 region's largest multidisciplinary showcase of visual and
16 performing arts, having presented more than 10,000 visual and
17 performing artists and entertained millions of residents and
18 visitors during its 50 years; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2008, the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust assumed
2 responsibility of the Three Rivers Arts Festival and this year,
3 the trust is returning the event to Point State Park, where the
4 Dollar Bank Main Stage, an expanded artist's market footprint
5 and the children's area are located; and

6 WHEREAS, This year's event will have the continued use of
7 Gateway Center and the gallery and theater network found in the
8 cultural district and will feature more than 100 individual
9 events and performances and activities for families and
10 children, as well as live music and an artist's market for more
11 than 500 artists; and

12 WHEREAS, The Three Rivers Arts Festival has grown into a \$1.1
13 million annual event that generates a \$19 million economic
14 benefit for the region; and

15 WHEREAS, The Three Rivers Arts Festival is the largest
16 presenter of free arts programming in southwestern Pennsylvania,
17 and its performances include musicians, dancers and various
18 other acts and demonstrations; and

19 WHEREAS, The festival's more than 1,000 individual artists
20 offer a broad range of art, including paintings, jewelry,
21 pottery, wearable art, unusual crafts, sculpture and other
22 visual pieces, while artisans demonstrate their work with glass,
23 wood and ink; and

24 WHEREAS, The Three Rivers Arts Festival is a gateway to the
25 arts for millions of citizens in Pittsburgh and southwest
26 Pennsylvania, as well as more than 90,000 individuals who visit
27 from outside the region; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the 50th anniversary of the
29 Three Rivers Arts Festival in the City of Pittsburgh.