

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Ben  
2 Franklin Technology Partners.

3 WHEREAS, Ben Franklin Technology Partners (BFTP) was  
4 established by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor  
5 on December 6, 1982; and

6 WHEREAS, BFTP serves all 67 counties throughout the  
7 Commonwealth through its four regional and 12 satellite offices;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, BFTP has provided seed capital, investments in  
10 innovation and technical and business assistance to thousands of  
11 entrepreneurs and has established manufacturers throughout this  
12 Commonwealth; and

13 WHEREAS, BFTP has helped create or retain more than 46,500  
14 high-wage jobs for Pennsylvanians in industries that pay wages  
15 that are 28% above this Commonwealth's average wage; and

1       WHEREAS, According to a 2003 third-party evaluation of its  
2 program, covering the period of 1989 through 2001, BFTP has had  
3 an estimated impact on the economy of this Commonwealth in  
4 excess of \$8 billion; and

5       WHEREAS, The estimated economic impact of BFTP efforts has  
6 resulted in the Commonwealth garnering more than \$400 million in  
7 additional State tax revenue, more than covering the cost of the  
8 program during the period covered by the evaluation; and

9       WHEREAS, During its 25-year history, BFTP has been  
10 continuously supported by the General Assembly, as well as five  
11 gubernatorial administrations; and

12       WHEREAS, BFTP has become the most recognized and replicated  
13 technology-based economic development program in the United  
14 States and is acknowledged nationally and internationally as the  
15 "gold standard" for programs of its type; and

16       WHEREAS, BFTP is commemorating its 25th anniversary  
17 throughout 2008; therefore be it

18       RESOLVED, That the Senate commemorate the founding of Ben  
19 Franklin Technology Partners on the occasion of its 25th  
20 anniversary.