

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating December 9, 1994, as "Chatham College Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Chatham College was chartered on December 11, 1869,
4 under the name Pennsylvania Female College to provide women with
5 an education comparable to that which men could receive at
6 "colleges of the first class"; this name was changed in 1890 to
7 Pennsylvania College for Women and in 1955 to Chatham College;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The Reverend William Trimble Beatty, pastor of the
10 Shadyside Presbyterian Church, led a group of like-minded
11 Pittsburghers in making the dream of solid academic training for
12 women a reality; and

13 WHEREAS, It is one of four original eastern colleges founded
14 for women that still limit the granting of baccalaureate degrees
15 to women; and

16 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, Chatham has been a pioneer
17 in curricular progress, adapting its educational program to meet

1 society's changing needs while maintaining the intellectual
2 integrity of the liberal arts; and

3 WHEREAS, Chatham's Gateway Program, for women 25 years of age
4 or older seeking a baccalaureate degree, was one of the first
5 such programs in the country designed to meet the special needs
6 of adult women; and

7 WHEREAS, The early college occupied one building, 11 acres,
8 and enrolled just over 100 students; today Chatham College is
9 home to 782 undergraduate and graduate students on 32 park-like
10 acres in the Shadyside area of Pittsburgh; and the college's \$31
11 million endowment is among the largest per student in the
12 nation; and

13 WHEREAS, Chatham remains a private, fully accredited,
14 nonsectarian institution, offering baccalaureate degrees only to
15 women and Master's degrees, continuing education programs and
16 teacher certification programs to both women and men; and

17 WHEREAS, Chatham offers, in over 30 majors, a distinctive
18 undergraduate education which combines the liberal arts with
19 professional preparation; and

20 WHEREAS, As the alma mater of Rachel Carson (Class of 1929),
21 the founder of the modern environmental movement, and the home
22 of the Rachel Carson Institute, Chatham is especially proud to
23 offer continuing education certificate programs in conservation
24 ecology and landscape design as well as the undergraduate
25 environmental studies major; and

26 WHEREAS, As Chatham celebrates its 125th Anniversary of
27 educating women for the future, the college prepares its
28 students for unprecedented opportunities, challenges and
29 leadership roles that Chatham's founders scarcely could have
30 imagined in 1869 and proudly continues to build upon its history

1 and tradition of excellence in women's education, in liberal
2 arts education and in meeting society's changing needs;
3 therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
5 December 9, 1994, as "Chatham College Day" in Pennsylvania; and
6 be it further

7 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
8 the Esther Barrozone, President, Chatham College, Woodland Road,
9 Pittsburgh, PA 15232.