
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WOZNIAK, RAFFERTY, LAVALLE, FONTANA, KITCHEN,
ROBBINS, COSTA, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, M. WHITE, MELLOW,
PIPPY, ORIE, BOSCOLA, STOUT, GREENLEAF, TARTAGLIONE, O'PAKE,
ARMSTRONG, KASUNIC, PILEGGI, EARLL AND FERLO,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 23 through 30, 2007, as
2 "University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown Week" in Pennsylvania
3 in recognition of its 80th anniversary of providing higher
4 education in western Pennsylvania and congratulating its
5 incoming president, Dr. Jem Spectar.

6 WHEREAS, Founded in 1927, the University of Pittsburgh at
7 Johnstown (UPJ) is celebrating 80 years of providing higher
8 education and employment in western Pennsylvania; and

9 WHEREAS, UPJ is home to 2,750 full-time and 350 part-time
10 students per year and, with a retention and graduation rate that
11 surpasses the national average of like institutions, has
12 graduated 17,250 students since 1927; and

13 WHEREAS, With more than 40 undergraduate degrees, UPJ has
14 been ranked for five consecutive years by U.S. News and World
15 Report Best Colleges as 3rd in the North in Comprehensive
16 Colleges and Universities; and

17 WHEREAS, UPJ has \$15 million dollars for scholarships and
18 endowments, and its present capital campaign is part of the \$2

1 billion campaign of the University of Pittsburgh, which is one
2 of only eight American universities pursuing capital campaigns
3 of \$2 billion or more; and

4 WHEREAS, UPJ is a major economic resource to the citizens of
5 southwestern Pennsylvania, with a direct impact of more than \$6
6 million in the Cambria and Somerset region; and

7 WHEREAS, Further impacting the region, 55% of UPJ students
8 and 83% of UPJ faculty and staff donate their time to charitable
9 nonprofit activities, with more than \$720,000 in-kind gifts of
10 volunteer time; and

11 WHEREAS, In conjunction with the celebration of its 80th
12 anniversary, UPJ is celebrating the inauguration of its fifth
13 president, Dr. Jem Spectar, on September 28, 2007; and

14 WHEREAS, University of Pittsburgh Chancellor Mark A.
15 Nordenberg has high praise for Dr. Spectar, calling him "a
16 visionary leader and celebrated teacher with the skills and
17 experience necessary to build effectively upon the strengths of
18 our Johnstown campus and to enrich the lives of students,
19 faculty, staff and administration"; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate, in recognition of the many
21 accomplishments and contributions of UPJ, designate the week of
22 September 23 through 30, 2007, as "University of Pittsburgh at
23 Johnstown Week" in Pennsylvania and congratulate its incoming
24 president, Dr. Jem Spectar.