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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 13, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Temple University Institute on Disabilities
2 on its 40th anniversary and recognizing its positive impact
3 on the lives of people across the United States and
4 throughout this Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, The Temple University Institute on Disabilities was
6 founded in 1973 with a vision of "a society where all people are
7 valued and respected, and where all people have the knowledge,
8 opportunity and power to improve their lives and the lives of
9 others"; and

10 WHEREAS, Early in its history, the institute provided direct
11 services and training through its involvement with the Woodhaven
12 Center, a residential facility for people with intellectual
13 disabilities, and later became nationally recognized for
14 advocacy and research efforts centered on the closure of the
15 Pennhurst Center; and

1 WHEREAS, In the 1980s, the institute moved away from
2 institutional models and the provision of direct services and
3 moved towards developing support models for Pennsylvanians with
4 disabilities and their families; and

5 WHEREAS, Over the past 20 years, the institute has increased
6 its visibility internationally, nationally and Statewide in the
7 areas of leadership development, inclusive education, quality of
8 life assessment, assistive technology and the criminal justice
9 system; and

10 WHEREAS, Today, the institute is a vibrant and multifaceted
11 center with almost half of its approximately 40 faculty and
12 staff identified as people with disabilities, family members of
13 people with disabilities or people from racial or ethnic
14 minorities; and

15 WHEREAS, The institute works in close partnership with the
16 Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council, the Disability
17 Rights Network of Pennsylvania, Statewide advocacy and self-
18 advocacy groups, centers for independent living, State
19 government, specialized and generic service providers, the
20 criminal justice system, many academic and administrative units
21 within Temple University and colleges and universities
22 throughout this Commonwealth; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
24 Temple University Institute on Disabilities on its 40th
25 anniversary and recognize its positive impact on the lives of
26 people across the United States and throughout this
27 Commonwealth.