

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 18, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the University of
2 Pittsburgh at Bradford.

3 WHEREAS, On October 16, 1962, the City of Bradford was
4 announced as being selected as a "regional campus" of the
5 University of Pittsburgh, allowing students to complete two
6 years of undergraduate instruction before transferring to
7 Pittsburgh to complete their degrees; and

8 WHEREAS, On September 3, 1963, the University of Pittsburgh
9 at Bradford (Pitt-Bradford) opened with an initial enrollment of
10 130 students and offered courses in engineering and liberal
11 arts; and

12 WHEREAS, In November 1966, Pitt-Bradford had its first
13 expansion when the City of Bradford completed the annexation of
14 a tract of land, which was planned to be used for athletic
15 fields; and

16 WHEREAS, A land acquisition on April 17, 1966, enabled Pitt-
17 Bradford to start building an entirely new campus west of the
18 City of Bradford; and

1 WHEREAS, In May 1975, Pitt-Bradford was authorized to offer
2 two-year associate degrees and in September of that year classes
3 began in petroleum engineering technology, Pitt-Bradford's first
4 associate degree program; and

5 WHEREAS, Also in 1975, Pitt-Bradford began its first four-
6 year baccalaureate programs, allowing students to complete all
7 the coursework for their majors at Pitt-Bradford; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1976, Pitt-Bradford held its first convocation
9 ceremony and later that year the administrative science major,
10 the forerunner of business management, was launched and quickly
11 became the most popular four-year degree program on campus; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1978, Pitt-Bradford established a second
13 associate degree program, computer programing; and

14 WHEREAS, On October 19, 1978, the trustees of the University
15 of Pittsburgh gave Pitt-Bradford the authority to grant
16 baccalaureate degrees which empowered it to design its own four-
17 year programs and to confer its own diplomas; and

18 WHEREAS, Pitt-Bradford has been recognized as one of the best
19 colleges in the Northeast and has received similar accolades
20 throughout the years; and

21 WHEREAS, Not only has the college excelled nationally, but it
22 also has taken an international focus, partnering with the
23 Yokohama College of Commerce and Heilbronn University, to pave
24 the way for study abroad; and

25 WHERAS, Pitt-Bradford has been recognized as an economic and
26 social "anchor institution" in the Upper Allegheny highlands,
27 generating an estimated \$67.5 million worth of economic activity
28 and creating or supporting an estimated 740 full-time equivalent
29 jobs in 2011; and

30 WHEREAS, This year marks the 50th anniversary of Pitt-

1 Bradford; and

2 WHEREAS, After 50 years of operation, Pitt-Bradford is
3 greatly respected by the academic community on both the regional
4 and national levels; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
6 50th anniversary of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford.