
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY KITCHEN, COSTA, WASHINGTON, FERLO, WOZNIAK, STACK,
RAFFERTY, SMITH, HUGHES, SOLOBAY, SCHWANK, ERICKSON, FONTANA,
BRUBAKER, DINNIMAN, BREWSTER, WILLIAMS AND FARNESE,
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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 29, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 50th anniversary of Opportunities
2 Industrialization Centers and designating April 29, 2014, as
3 "Opportunities Industrialization Center Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OIC) seek
5 to train millions of men and women with untapped talents and
6 skills who are unemployed and underemployed; and

7 WHEREAS, The founder of OIC, the Reverend Dr. Leon H.
8 Sullivan, started the very first OIC training center in 1964 in
9 an abandoned jailhouse in north Philadelphia; and

10 WHEREAS, The undertaking was a huge success, and programs
11 were quickly replicated in cities across the United States,
12 providing comprehensive employment training and placement for
13 disadvantaged, unemployed and unskilled Americans of all races
14 and backgrounds; and

15 WHEREAS, The OIC philosophy of "self-help" and the system of
16 developing the "whole person" enable individuals to become self-
17 sufficient, productive workers; and

1 WHEREAS, OIC prepares people for today's work force with
2 quality life skills development, fundamental education, job
3 skills training and employment readiness; and

4 WHEREAS, OIC has the objective of fostering and nurturing a
5 sense of self-pride amongst its associates and trainees to give
6 them confidence and enable them to participate with dignity in
7 society; and

8 WHEREAS, This year will mark the 50th anniversary of the OIC;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The OIC seeks to stimulate loyalty, pride in the
11 community and a sense of goodwill involving all religious,
12 racial, cultural, economic and political groups, while
13 developing an awareness of each person's relationships and
14 responsibilities to humanity; and

15 WHEREAS, The mission of OIC is to continue to be the nation's
16 leader in providing quality education, training, employment and
17 housing services through a national network of local affiliated
18 organizations, enabling economically disadvantaged people of all
19 races and backgrounds to become productive and fulfilled members
20 of American society; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the 50th anniversary of
22 Opportunities Industrialization Centers and designate April 29,
23 2014, as "Opportunities Industrialization Centers Day" in
24 Pennsylvania.