

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SCHWANK, SMITH, HUGHES, SOLOBAY, VULAKOVICH, COSTA AND
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 15, 2014, as "Pennsylvania Career
2 Development Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In today's economy, all students must graduate high
4 school well informed of the vast array of career choices
5 available to them and knowing how to pursue their aspirations in
6 order to successfully participate in Pennsylvania's work force;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Department of Education has adopted
9 Career Education and Work Standards that require all high school
10 graduates to demonstrate their competency in the areas of career
11 awareness and preparation, career acquisition, career retention
12 and advancement and entrepreneurship as a requirement for
13 graduation; and

14 WHEREAS, Research predicts that by 2020, about 65% of all
15 jobs in the nation will require some postsecondary education;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Jobs that require high levels of education and

1 skills pay higher wages than jobs that require little education
2 and few skills; and

3 WHEREAS, Earnings increase significantly as a worker's degree
4 of education rises; and

5 WHEREAS, Ninety percent of new jobs in growing industries
6 with high wages will require some postsecondary education; and

7 WHEREAS, Students who graduate from high school having
8 experienced meaningful career planning and development have the
9 knowledge, skills and attitudes sought by employers, are
10 qualified for high-paying, in-demand jobs and are better
11 prepared to contribute to a stable, world class work force for
12 Pennsylvania; and

13 WHEREAS, The Capital Region Partnership for Career
14 Development collaborates with many businesses, organizations and
15 State agencies to provide students with career exploration
16 experiences, programs and resources that help them become
17 knowledgeable about traditional, nontraditional and emerging
18 postsecondary educational opportunities and career paths; and

19 WHEREAS, Schools and educators need support from the Capital
20 Region Partnership for Career Development and other
21 organizations to maintain adequate and effective career
22 development programs, as well as support for employer networking
23 and teacher training to expand their knowledge of evolving
24 career opportunities for students; and

25 WHEREAS, The Capital Region Partnership for Career
26 Development recognizes the critical need for schools, employers,
27 postsecondary institutions and various community and government
28 agencies to collaborate on work force development to ensure
29 career success for the youth of Pennsylvania; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize October 15, 2014, as

1 "Pennsylvania Career Development Day" in Pennsylvania.