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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring East Stroudsburg University as it celebrates the 125th  
2 anniversary of its founding.

3 WHEREAS, In 2018, East Stroudsburg University celebrates the  
4 125th anniversary of its founding; and

5 WHEREAS, East Stroudsburg University traces its roots back to  
6 1893 with the opening of the East Stroudsburg Normal School, a  
7 private preparatory school for teachers that welcomed 320  
8 students; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1897, 62 women and 12 men became the first  
10 graduating class of the East Stroudsburg Normal School; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1920, the ownership of East Stroudsburg Normal  
12 School was transferred to the Commonwealth and became East  
13 Stroudsburg State Normal School with the appointment of a new  
14 nine-member board of trustees; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1926, East Stroudsburg State Normal School became  
16 a four-year teacher's college, and the following year the school  
17 was renamed State Teachers College at East Stroudsburg, commonly

1 referred to as East Stroudsburg State Teachers College; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1960, the college further evolved with the  
3 addition of more curricula and became a comprehensive State  
4 college known as East Stroudsburg State College; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1962, the college began offering courses leading  
6 to master of education degrees in biology, general science and  
7 health and physical education; and

8 WHEREAS, Five years later, the college added master's degree  
9 programs in history, political science and elementary education;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, In 1983, under the authorization of the Pennsylvania  
12 State System of Higher Education, the college officially became  
13 East Stroudsburg University; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2018, East Stroudsburg University features a  
15 diverse student body surpassing 6,700 undergraduate and graduate  
16 students and has expanded to offer 55 undergraduate degree  
17 programs, 22 master's degree programs and one doctoral degree  
18 program; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, East Stroudsburg University's vision for the  
20 future includes serving as an innovative and entrepreneurial  
21 learning center of the 21st century that is committed to its  
22 local community; and

23 WHEREAS, East Stroudsburg University strives to provide  
24 excellent educational, social and civic opportunities to its  
25 students and to keep its curriculum vital and current with the  
26 rapidly changing intellectual world; and

27 WHEREAS, Dedicated faculty and staff members and strong  
28 support from the community have built a solid foundation for the  
29 university's tradition of academic excellence and prepared it  
30 for ever-increasing success; and

1       WHEREAS, East Stroudsburg University has a rich history and  
2 cultural heritage spanning the last 125 years that is being  
3 celebrated by its students, alumni, administration, faculty,  
4 staff and local community; therefore be it

5       RESOLVED, That the Senate honor East Stroudsburg University  
6 as it celebrates the 125th anniversary of its founding; and be  
7 it further

8       RESOLVED, That the Senate join the students, alumni,  
9 administration, faculty, staff and local community of East  
10 Stroudsburg University in celebrating the 125th anniversary of  
11 its founding.