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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 148 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY FARRY, DIGIROLAMO, NELSON, BAKER, METZGAR, KINSEY, QUIGLEY, MILLARD, FREEMAN, TAYLOR, McNEILL, DUNBAR, GODSHALL, PHILLIPS-HILL, READSHAW, TOPPER, BIZZARRO, RAPP, HENNESSEY, PASHINSKI, LONGIETTI, DAVIS, KAUFFMAN, BULLOCK, OBERLANDER, A. HARRIS, SCHLOSSBERG, WARD, MURT, DEAN, HAHN, WARREN, BLOOM, RYAN, MASSER, CALTAGIRONE, LAWRENCE, ZIMMERMAN, HILL-EVANS AND WATSON, APRIL 3, 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 3, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the value of sheltered workshops in the lives of  
2 individuals with disabilities and acknowledging the providers  
3 who enable individuals with disabilities to live full and  
4 productive lives in our communities.

5 WHEREAS, Based on industrial models of development and  
6 service delivery, vocational facilities known as sheltered  
7 workshops offer specialized employment services and meaningful,  
8 dignified employment for individuals with disabilities; and

9 WHEREAS, Skill development, productivity and individual work  
10 ethic are the focus of facility-based day programs at sheltered  
11 workshops; and

12 WHEREAS, Operating in local businesses, small businesses and  
13 large companies, sheltered workshops are involved in the  
14 production of goods and services for both the public and the  
15 private sectors; and

16 WHEREAS, Individuals with disabilities learn job skills, earn

1 wages, interact with peers and gain a sense of accomplishment at  
2 sheltered workshops; and

3 WHEREAS, Individuals with disabilities access a variety of  
4 community-based vocational and personal options at sheltered  
5 workshops; and

6 WHEREAS, The 511 sheltered workshops throughout this  
7 Commonwealth have advocated for individuals with disabilities  
8 and spurred the development of other needed services and  
9 supports; and

10 WHEREAS, By providing services unique to the individual and  
11 the local community in which they are located and by working in  
12 partnership with business and industry, sheltered workshops  
13 remain an integral part of local economies; and

14 WHEREAS, Throughout this Commonwealth, sheltered workshops  
15 feature a wide range of opportunities to advance participants'  
16 feelings of self-worth and inclusion; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
18 value of sheltered workshops in the lives of individuals with  
19 disabilities and acknowledge the providers who enable  
20 individuals with disabilities to live full and productive lives  
21 in our communities.