
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 19, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the contributions made by the Pittsburgh Ballet
2 Theatre to the culture, economic development and tourism of
3 the Greater Pittsburgh region.

4 WHEREAS, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre was founded 38 years ago
5 as a regionally rooted, professional ballet company with an
6 expansive repertoire including works by the classical masters,
7 innovative works by contemporary choreographers and premieres of
8 original choreography; and

9 WHEREAS, As a member of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust,
10 Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre has grown to become one of the Greater
11 Pittsburgh region's major cultural institutions; and

12 WHEREAS, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre and its affiliated school
13 are ranked among the top ten ballet companies in the United
14 States; and

15 WHEREAS, More than 80 artists and administrators are employed
16 by Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, with total annual salaries and

1 benefits of \$2.3 million; and

2 WHEREAS, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre is one of only two major
3 arts organizations in the Greater Pittsburgh region to maintain
4 a resident company of artists; and

5 WHEREAS, Some 100,000 men, women and children are reached by
6 Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre's performances and programs each year;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Through five main stage productions, Pittsburgh
9 Ballet Theatre presents a schedule of more than 30 performances
10 each season, drawing more than 70,000 patrons a year to
11 Pittsburgh's cultural district; and

12 WHEREAS, Individuals from 60 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties
13 have attended a Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre performance within the
14 last three years; and

15 WHEREAS, Individuals from all 50 states, plus Puerto Rico,
16 have attended at least one Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre performance
17 over the past few years; and

18 WHEREAS, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre has an annual subscriber
19 base of 4,100 individuals who reside in a 12-county radius
20 surrounding Allegheny County; and

21 WHEREAS, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre provides free performing
22 arts education programs to some 15,000 school children each
23 year; and

24 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre School is renowned as
25 a training ground for some 500 students, drawing dancers from
26 throughout the country and abroad for intensive year-round
27 study; and

28 WHEREAS, As one of the region's major cultural institutions,
29 Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre and its attendees generate significant
30 economic impact through cultural-related spending annually; and

1 WHEREAS, Through touring Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre is sharing
2 this cultural asset with communities throughout this
3 Commonwealth; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
5 contributions made by the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre to the
6 culture, economic development and tourism of the Greater
7 Pittsburgh region.