## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 265

Session of 2007

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 4, 2007

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the City of Pittsburgh for being rated America's Most 2 Livable City for 2007 by the Places Rated Almanac.
- 3 WHEREAS, Fort Duquesne was built in 1754, at the beginning of
- 4 the French and Indian War, on the site that would become
- 5 Pittsburgh; and
- 6 WHEREAS, In 1759 the British constructed Fort Pitt, named for
- 7 British Secretary of State William Pitt, on the site; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The original settlement was called Pittsborough; and
- 9 WHEREAS, William Penn's descendents purchased western lands,
- 10 including Pittsburgh's present site, from the Six Nations in
- 11 1768; and
- 12 WHEREAS, The land between the Allegheny and Monongahela

- 1 Rivers was formally surveyed in 1769 and was called the Manor of
- 2 Pittsburgh; and
- 3 WHEREAS, On April 22, 1794, the General Assembly gave
- 4 Pittsburgh its official name; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Steel production in the City of Pittsburgh began in
- 6 1875; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The United States Steel Corporation was formed in
- 8 1901; and
- 9 WHEREAS, One-third to one-half of the nation's steel was
- 10 produced in the City of Pittsburgh by 1911; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Ninety-five million tons of steel were produced in
- 12 the City of Pittsburgh to support America's efforts during World
- 13 War II; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Through clean air initiatives, civic revitalization
- 15 and neighborhood development, the City of Pittsburgh experienced
- 16 a renaissance in the mid-20th century; and
- 17 WHEREAS, The City of Pittsburgh is a multicultural hub, with
- 18 rich ethnic and religious diversities; and
- 19 WHEREAS, The City of Pittsburgh has diversified its economy,
- 20 shifting from an industrial economy to an economy based on
- 21 technology, health care, education, finance and tourism; and
- 22 WHEREAS, As the only American city to finish in the Places
- 23 Rated Almanac's top 20 in the almanac's 25-year history, the
- 24 City of Pittsburgh is widely recognized as a Livable City for
- 25 its residents; and
- 26 WHEREAS, The City of Pittsburgh deserves recognition for its
- 27 continuing tradition of thriving commerce, vibrant civic life
- 28 and welcoming community; therefore be it
- 29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the City of
- 30 Pittsburgh for being rated America's Most Livable City for 2007

- 1 by the Places Rated Almanac; and be it further
- 2 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
- 3 the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh and to members of Pittsburgh
- 4 City Council.