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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 12, 2008

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring The Pennsylvania State University students who raised  
2 more than six million dollars for The Four Diamonds Fund.

3 WHEREAS, THON is the more commonly referred to name of the  
4 Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon, the largest student  
5 run philanthropy in the world; and

6 WHEREAS, THON has raised more than \$52 million; and

7 WHEREAS, The THON dance marathon event was held at the  
8 University Park campus February 22 through 24, 2008. More than  
9 700 dancers and 15,000 student volunteers packed the Bryce  
10 Jordan Center for the event; and

11 WHEREAS, Overall, this year's Penn State THON event reached a  
12 new milestone by raising \$6,615,318.04 for children who have

1 cancer and their families; and

2 WHEREAS, THON is a year-round fundraising event benefiting  
3 The Four Diamonds Fund, which is striving to conquer childhood  
4 cancer by assisting children treated at Penn State Children's  
5 Hospital and their families through superior care, comprehensive  
6 support and innovative research. The fundraising culminates in  
7 the no sitting, no sleeping, 46-hour dance marathon held every  
8 February; and

9 WHEREAS, There are various other sources or funding for THON,  
10 including;

11 (1) High school and middle school mini-THONs (patterned  
12 after the large PSU Dance Marathon of shorter "dance" time  
13 i.e. 8-12 hours;

14 (2) Penn State and THON Alumni contributions called  
15 "Can appeal";

16 (3) Collections at the highway intersections by the  
17 service clubs;

18 (4) Corporate donations;

19 (5) 5 K Run to raise money;

20 (6) THON express where a group of marathon runners run  
21 from Hershey to State College on THON weekend;

22 (7) Raffles such as Pontiac car on THON weekend;

23 (8) Raffle for very nice trips such as a trip to  
24 England;

25 (9) Each Greek organization that is involved does their  
26 own fund raising;

27 (10) Dance Marathon Alumni Interest Group (DMAIG), whose  
28 sole purpose is to raise money for THON and public awareness,  
29 holds regional fund raising events throughout the State;

30 therefore be it

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the  
2   Pennsylvania State University students who raised more than six  
3   million dollars for The Four Diamonds Fund.