THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

Congratulating the State System of Higher Education on its 25th 1 2 anniversary and for 25 years of significant work in this 3 Commonwealth. 4 WHEREAS, The State System of Higher Education (SSHE) is 5 celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2008; and 6 WHEREAS, SSHE, with more than 110,000 students, has 7 historically been the largest provider of higher education in this Commonwealth; and 8 9 WHEREAS, SSHE continues to deliver a four-year college degree 10 for the lowest tuition and total cost in this Commonwealth; and 11 WHEREAS, Over the years, SSHE's 14 universities have become 12 more than their rich history of teachers' colleges, now offering 13 more than 120 high-quality degrees, including those in high-14 demand professions such as information technology and business

1 and the health professions; and

2 WHEREAS, Ninety percent of SSHE's students are residents of3 this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, SSHE has more than 650,000 living alumni, 405,000 of
whom live and work in this Commonwealth as leaders in business,
industry and education in their communities and governments, and
they generate an aggregate annual income of more than \$7
billion; and

9 WHEREAS, SSHE is recognized as one of the premier systems of 10 public universities in the United States; therefore be it 11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the 12 State System of Higher Education on the occasion of its 25th 13 anniversary and for significant achievements during the past 25 14 years and express its gratitude on behalf of the citizenry of 15 this Commonwealth.