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A RESOLUTION

1 Acknowledging 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
17 benefits of \$2.3 million; and

18 WHEREAS, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre is one of only two major

1 arts organizations in the Greater Pittsburgh region to maintain
2 a resident company of artists; and

3 WHEREAS, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre reaches approximately
4 100,000 men, women and children through its performances and
5 programs each year; and

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre has an annual subscriber
17 base of 4,100 individuals residing in a 12-county radius
18 surrounding Allegheny County; and

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

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

26 WHEREAS, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre and its patrons generate
27 significant economic impact through cultural spending and
28 related spending annually; and

29 WHEREAS, Through touring, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre is
30 sharing this cultural asset with communities throughout this

1 Commonwealth; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the Senate acknowledge the contributions made
3 by the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre to the culture, economic
4 development and tourism of the Greater Pittsburgh region.