

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 134 Session of
2007

INTRODUCED BY ROBBINS, PILEGGI, MELLOW, ORIE, O'PAKE, WAUGH,
COSTA, BAKER, LAVALLE, D. WHITE, MUSTO, ARMSTRONG, BOSCOLA,
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KASUNIC, GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, MADIGAN, LOGAN, PIPPY, STACK,
PUNT, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, WASHINGTON, REGOLA, C. WILLIAMS,
RHOADES AND TOMLINSON, JUNE 11, 2007

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, JUNE 11, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Widener University, Westminster College, Thiel
2 College and Keystone College for establishing scholarships
3 for children of soldiers killed in combat.

4 WHEREAS, Act 129 of 1998, the Police Officer, Firefighter,
5 Correction Employee and National Guard Member Child Beneficiary
6 Education Act, provides for the free education of children of a
7 National Guard member or certain other emergency personnel
8 killed in the line of duty at any community college, State-owned
9 or State-related institution of higher education; and

10 WHEREAS, On December 9, 2004, Widener University, whose main
11 campus is located in Chester, Delaware County, established
12 Widener CARES (Children of Active and Reserve Military Personnel
13 Educational Scholarship), providing a free undergraduate
14 education to any qualified dependent of a member of the United
15 States Armed Forces who was killed in action during Operation
16 Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

1 WHEREAS, Senate Resolution 213 and House Resolution 549 of
2 the 2005-2006 Legislative Session congratulated Widener
3 University on the establishment of the scholarship program and
4 encouraged other colleges and universities to emulate the
5 program; and

6 WHEREAS, On October 28, 2006, Westminster College in New
7 Wilmington, Lawrence County, established the Patriots
8 Scholarship Program, providing full tuition for a four-year
9 undergraduate degree at Westminster College for the dependent
10 children of United States military personnel who were killed in
11 action in Afghanistan or Iraq; and

12 WHEREAS, On December 20, 2006, Thiel College in Greenville,
13 Mercer County, established the Fallen Heroes Scholarship
14 Program, providing full tuition for four years to dependent
15 children of military personnel killed in action during
16 operations in the Middle East and emergency medical services
17 providers filled in the performance of their duties; and

18 WHEREAS, On March 30, 2007, Keystone College in La Plume,
19 Lackawanna County, established the Keystone Children of Active
20 and Reserve Military Personnel Educational Scholarship (CARES)
21 program, providing full tuition for four years for the dependent
22 children of United States military personnel killed in action in
23 either Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, These fine academic institutions recognize the
26 importance of civic responsibility; and

27 WHEREAS, These scholarships--as well as scholarships provided
28 under Act 129 of 1998--provide some relief in times of
29 uncertainty for the families of our fallen heroes; therefore be
30 it

1 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend Widener University,
2 Westminster College, Thiel College and Keystone College for
3 establishing scholarships for children of soldiers killed in
4 combat; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate continue to encourage other
6 colleges and universities to emulate these scholarship programs;
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to:

9 Widener University President's Office

10 One University Place

11 Chester PA 19013-5792

12 Westminster College President's Office

13 319 South Market Street

14 New Wilmington PA 16172-0001

15 Thiel College President's Office

16 75 College Avenue

17 Greenville PA 16125-2186

18 Keystone College President's Office

19 One College Green

20 3rd Floor Harris Hall

21 La Plume PA 18440-1000.