

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, JUNE 27, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education
2 on its 25th anniversary and for 25 years of significant work
3 in this Commonwealth.

4 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education
5 (PASSHE) is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2008; and

6 WHEREAS, PASSHE, with more than 110,000 students,
7 historically has been the largest provider of higher education
8 in this Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, PASSHE continues to deliver a four-year college
10 degree for the lowest tuition and total cost in this
11 Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the years, PASSHE's 14 universities have become
13 more than their rich history of teachers' colleges, now offering
14 more than 120 high-quality degrees, including those in high-
15 demand professions such as information technology, business and
16 the health professions; and

17 WHEREAS, The 14 PASSHE universities serve as economic drivers

1 in their regions and this Commonwealth, with several ranking as
2 the largest employers in their communities, contributing
3 millions of dollars to local economies via jobs, salaries,
4 student spending and economic development; and

5 WHEREAS, PASSHE generates a return on investment of more than
6 \$10 for every \$1 appropriated by the Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Ninety percent of PASSHE's students are Pennsylvania
8 residents; and

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

14 WHEREAS, PASSHE is recognized as one of the premier systems
15 of public universities in the United States; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate congratulate the Pennsylvania State
17 System of Higher Education on the occasion of its 25th
18 anniversary and for significant achievements during the past 25
19 years and express its gratitude on behalf of the citizenry of
20 Pennsylvania.