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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 16, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the 140th anniversary of Chatham University as it
2 continues to build a history and tradition of excellence in
3 women's education and in meeting the changing needs of
4 society.

5 WHEREAS, Founded on December 11, 1869, Chatham University was
6 first known as Pennsylvania Female College and renamed
7 Pennsylvania College for Women in 1890 and Chatham College in
8 1955 to honor William Pitt, First Earl of Chatham; and

9 WHEREAS, Chatham University was granted university status by
10 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on May 1, 2007; and

11 WHEREAS, According to its mission, Chatham University
12 prepares its students, from bachelors through doctoral levels,
13 on campus and around the world, to excel in their professions
14 and to become environmentally responsible, globally conscious,
15 lifelong learners and citizen leaders for democracy; and

16 WHEREAS, The historic undergraduate college, Chatham College

1 for Women, is one of the oldest women's colleges in the United
2 States and is the alma mater to thousands of women leaders,
3 including Rachel Carson, class of 1929, founder of the modern
4 environmental movement; and

5 WHEREAS, The College for Graduate Studies offers women and
6 men both master's and doctoral programs in art and architecture,
7 business, counseling psychology, health sciences and nursing,
8 teaching and writing; and

9 WHEREAS, The College for Continuing and Professional Studies
10 provides online and hybrid undergraduate and graduate degree
11 programs for women and men, as well as certificate programs and
12 community programming, such as the celebrated Summer Music and
13 Arts Day Camp which next year celebrates its 54th anniversary;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Since 1992, Chatham University has grown under the
16 leadership of Esther L. Barazzone, Ph.D., who, as the
17 university's 16th President, has increased enrollment, created
18 new programs that focus on civic engagement, environmental
19 awareness and global understanding and attracted students and
20 educators from around the globe to the City of Pittsburgh; and

21 WHEREAS, Under Dr. Barazzone's leadership, critical outreach
22 centers have been established in the Pittsburgh area, including
23 the Center for Women's Entrepreneurship, the Pennsylvania Center
24 for Women, Politics and Public Policy, the Pittsburgh Teachers
25 Institute and the Rachel Carson Institute; and

26 WHEREAS, Through Dr. Barazzone's leadership, Chatham
27 University received the Eden Hall Farm from Eden Hall Foundation
28 on May 1, 2008, which is now known as the Eden Hall Campus, and
29 is home of Chatham University's new School of Sustainability and
30 the Environment; and

1 WHEREAS, In June 2008, Chatham University's Shadyside Campus
2 was expanded to include Chatham Eastside at Fifth and Penn
3 Avenues in Pittsburgh's East Liberty and Larimer neighborhoods
4 in order to enlarge its graduate programs and to invest in one
5 of Pittsburgh's fastest growing neighborhoods; and

6 WHEREAS, The undergraduate and graduate student body of more
7 than 2,200 represents 28 states and 18 other countries and
8 minority groups, and international students compose 20% of the
9 undergraduate student body who are enrolled in more than 60
10 degree programs; and

11 WHEREAS, Chatham University prepares its students for a
12 lifetime of personal and professional achievements,
13 unprecedented opportunities, challenges and leadership roles
14 that Chatham University's founders could only have imagined in
15 1869; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the 140th
17 anniversary of Chatham University as it continues to build a
18 history and tradition of excellence in women's education and in
19 meeting the changing needs of society.