

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 7, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Point Park University on the occasion of its 50th
2 anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, Point Park University has
4 taken pride in its urban roots and contributions to the vitality
5 of downtown Pittsburgh; and

6 WHEREAS, Point Park University began as a small business
7 training college in 1933 under the direction of Dorothy
8 Finkelhor and L. Herbert Finkelhor; and

9 WHEREAS, By 1960, the business school had grown to more than
10 800 students and moved into the building now known as Academic
11 Hall, on Wood Street; and

12 WHEREAS, That year it became known as Point Park Junior
13 College, named for the city's historic Point State Park; and

14 WHEREAS, The junior college soon added programs in

1 engineering technology, education and journalism and acquired
2 performing arts space at The Pittsburgh Playhouse in the Oakland
3 neighborhood; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1966, the college was granted four-year status,
5 officially becoming Point Park College, and began awarding
6 bachelor's degrees; and

7 WHEREAS, Point Park's first graduate program, in journalism
8 and mass communication, was established in 1981; and

9 WHEREAS, Dance and theater programs were introduced, which
10 laid the groundwork for Point Park's current Conservatory of
11 Performing Arts; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2004, it achieved university status and became
13 Point Park University; and

14 WHEREAS, Today the university enrolls more than 3,900 full-
15 time and part-time students in nearly 70 undergraduate programs
16 and 11 graduate programs offered through its School of Arts and
17 Sciences, School of Business, School of Communication and the
18 Conservatory of Performing Arts; and

19 WHEREAS, Point Park University students represent 45 states
20 and 31 countries; and

21 WHEREAS, The university's comprehensive strategic planning
22 process has continued, focusing on enhancing academic
23 excellence, a quality student experience, managed growth and
24 community engagement; and

25 WHEREAS, In 2008, Point Park moved into the next chapter of
26 its development as a vibrant academic and community partner with
27 the announcement of the Academic Village at Point Park
28 University, a thriving, living and learning hub; and

29 WHEREAS, Point Park's \$244 million campus and public
30 enhancement space plan is already well on its way to

1 transforming the university and downtown Pittsburgh; therefore

2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Point Park

4 University on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.