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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE 3, 2013

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commemorating the 13th anniversary of the NEW Leadership
- Pennsylvania Program.
- 3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is ranked 38th in the nation when it
- 4 comes to women's representation in elected office according to
- 5 the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers
- 6 University; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The National Education for Women's (NEW) Leadership
- 8 Pennsylvania is an intensive, week--long, residential leadership
- 9 and public policy institute designed to educate and empower
- 10 young women for future political participation and leadership;
- 11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, The program addresses the underrepresentation of
- 13 women in the political arena by focusing on the role of women in
- 14 politics and policy making in this Commonwealth; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Chatham University was founded in Pittsburgh in 1869
- 16 as an undergraduate women's college and has expanded to include

- 1 a coeducational postgraduate program that has consistently been
- 2 ranked among the top master's level institutions in the
- 3 northeast by U.S. News & World Report; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Chatham now has three campuses, including its new
- 5 Eden Hall Campus in Richland Township; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics
- 7 (PCWP) is a nonpartisan center devoted to fostering women's
- 8 public leadership through education, empowerment and action; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The center was established in 1998 and was endowed
- 10 in 2003 by the Hillman Foundation and is the first center to
- 11 focus on women's political involvement in Pennsylvania; and
- 12 WHEREAS, NEW Leadership Pennsylvania is a part of a national
- 13 network of NEW Leadership programs developed by the Center for
- 14 American Women and Politics at Rutgers University; and
- 15 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to commemorate the work of
- 16 Chatham's Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics, the NEW
- 17 Leadership Pennsylvania program and the more than 300
- 18 Pennsylvania women who have graduated from the NEW Leadership
- 19 program; therefore be it
- 20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
- 21 13th anniversary of the NEW Leadership Pennsylvania Program.