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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BENNINGHOFF, MURT, BROWBLEE, CLYMER, COHEN, DAY,  
DEAN, DENLINGER, DIGIROLAMO, ENGLISH, EVERETT, GABLER,  
GINGRICH, GODSHALL, HANNA, HARHART, HENNESSEY, W. KELLER,  
KILLION, KIM, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, LUCAS, MAHONEY, MAJOR,  
MCNEILL, MILLARD, MUSTIO, O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PEIFER, READSHAW,  
REGAN, ROCK, ROSS, SONNEY, STEVENSON, TURZAI, VEREB AND  
WATSON, APRIL 22, 2014

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 22, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Rodney A. Erickson, President of The Pennsylvania State  
2 University, for nearly four decades of service to the  
3 University and to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Born in Wisconsin and earning degrees at the  
5 University of Minnesota and The University of Washington,  
6 President Erickson joined The Pennsylvania State University  
7 (Penn State) as an assistant professor in 1977; and

8 WHEREAS, Through outstanding teaching, research and service,  
9 President Erickson earned the rank of full professor in both  
10 geography and business administration in 1984; and

11 WHEREAS, President Erickson was distinguished by his  
12 selection as a Fulbright Research Scholar in the United Kingdom  
13 and a Simon Senior Fellow at the University of Manchester; and

14 WHEREAS, President Erickson served Penn State in a number of  
15 different roles including head of the Department of Geography,

1 director of the Center for Regional Business Analysis, dean of  
2 the Graduate School, vice president for research, provost and  
3 executive vice president; and

4 WHEREAS, President Erickson was appointed Penn State's 17th  
5 president on November 9, 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, President Erickson has had an unparalleled impact on  
7 resident instruction, research, service and general welfare of  
8 Penn State faculty and students; and

9 WHEREAS, President Erickson has always worked to improve the  
10 academic stature of the university and enhance the success of  
11 our students and the Commonwealth by promoting various long-term  
12 interests, including internationalization and academic  
13 excellence; and

14 WHEREAS, President Erickson has guided Penn State to a total  
15 enrollment of more than 98,000 students, nearly \$850 million in  
16 annual research expenditures and an endowment that topped \$2  
17 billion last year; and

18 WHEREAS, President Erickson is respected by academic and  
19 business leaders as well as government officials, and he has  
20 worked for the benefit of higher education in the Commonwealth  
21 of Pennsylvania; and

22 WHEREAS, President Erickson has served Penn State for nearly  
23 four decades and will continue to serve the community after he  
24 steps down as president; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor The  
26 Pennsylvania State University President Rodney A. Erickson for  
27 his many years of service to the university and the Commonwealth  
28 of Pennsylvania.