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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MAJOR, GILLESPIE, A. HARRIS AND C. PARKER, MAY 4, 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MAY 4, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 12, 2015, as "Industrial Resource Center  
2 Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Manufacturing is among Pennsylvania's leading  
4 industries, contributing \$77.4 billion to the gross State  
5 product each year, an amount that makes this Commonwealth the  
6 8th largest manufacturing state in the union; and

7 WHEREAS, Manufacturing provides a family-sustaining average  
8 wage of more than \$56,000 to more than 550,000 direct employees  
9 each year, thus infusing more than \$31.2 billion of employee  
10 earnings into Pennsylvania's economy each year; and

11 WHEREAS, The more than 14,000 manufacturers of this  
12 Commonwealth helped fuel the State economy by contributing more  
13 than \$959 million of wage taxes and \$445 million of sales taxes  
14 to our treasury last year; and

1       WHEREAS, The industrial resource centers were established by  
2 the General Assembly under the act of June 22, 2001 (P.L.400,  
3 No.31), known as the Industrial Resources Center Partnership  
4 Act, to serve the manufacturing industries in this Commonwealth;  
5 and

6       WHEREAS, Industrial resource centers diligently provide  
7 technical services and much-needed expertise to Pennsylvania's  
8 small and mid-sized manufacturing community in the areas of  
9 innovation, process improvement, reshoring and technology  
10 acceleration; and

11       WHEREAS, Over the past 10 years, the work of our Statewide  
12 industrial resource centers has made positive impacts upon and  
13 has created or retained critical manufacturing jobs within more  
14 than 1,300 Pennsylvania manufacturing businesses; and

15       WHEREAS, The United States Department of Commerce recently  
16 verified that, over the past 10 years, Pennsylvania  
17 manufacturers have realized sales impacts of more than \$7.4  
18 trillion and bottom-line cost savings of more than \$626 billion  
19 as direct results of industrial resource center services; and

20       WHEREAS, The United States Department of Commerce recently  
21 verified that, over the past 10 years, industrial resource  
22 center activities have facilitated more than \$1.5 billion in  
23 manufacturer investment in Pennsylvania and positively impacted  
24 more than 56,000 manufacturing jobs; and

25       WHEREAS, The industrial resource centers represent a public-  
26 private partnership that looks forward to continuing to leverage  
27 Federal, Commonwealth and industry resources to further advance  
28 our manufacturing economy and create manufacturing jobs well  
29 into the future; therefore be it

30       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 12,

1 2015, as "Industrial Resource Center Appreciation Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania and urge its observance throughout this  
3 Commonwealth to show appreciation for the work of industrial  
4 resource centers and the importance of the industry they serve.