## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY ELLIS, THOMAS, HILL-EVANS, BOBACK, MILLARD, LONGIETTI, BARBIN, O'NEILL, DAVIS, QUIGLEY, DIGIROLAMO, READSHAW, SAYLOR AND ROEBUCK, APRIL 18, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 18, 2018

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating April 17, 2018, as "WEDnetPA Day" in Pennsylvania.
- 2 WHEREAS, WEDnetPA is a Statewide, State-funded workforce
- 3 program created in 1999 by the Department of Community and
- 4 Economic Development to support essential and advanced
- 5 technology skills training for employees of manufacturing and
- 6 technology companies throughout this Commonwealth; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The intent of WEDnetPA is to support and leverage a
- 8 company's investment in employee training to reach a level of
- 9 performance otherwise unattainable; and
- 10 WHEREAS, WEDnetPA services are delivered through a cost-
- 11 effective network of educational partners that include community
- 12 colleges, State system universities and others; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania companies greatly benefit from the
- 14 experience and professionalism of these workforce partners; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Employees of these companies also greatly benefit
- 16 from the training and education supported through WEDnetPA; and

- 1 WHEREAS, WEDnetPA has engaged more than 8,500 private-sector
- 2 training providers to work with nearly 18,000 Pennsylvania
- 3 companies to help train approximately 1.2 million workers; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ninety-five percent of participating companies
- 5 experience a positive impact on business, including increased
- 6 sales, decreased costs and fewer accidents; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Ninety-nine percent of workers who receive training
- 8 report positive outcomes, including job promotions, pay raises
- 9 and increased morale; and
- 10 WHEREAS, A well-trained and talented workforce is the
- 11 foundation of a strong business community and thriving state
- 12 economy; therefore be it
- 13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
- 14 17, 2018, as "WEDnetPA Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend and thank
- 16 the WEDnetPA partners for their hard work and commitment toward
- 17 improving the skills of Pennsylvania's workers and the
- 18 competitive position of Pennsylvania's manufacturers and
- 19 technology companies.