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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Opportunities
2 Industrialization Centers and designating April 29, 2014, as
3 "Opportunities Industrialization Center Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OIC) seek
5 to train millions of men and women with untapped talents and
6 skills who are unemployed and underemployed; and

7 WHEREAS, The founder of OIC, the Reverend Dr. Leon H.
8 Sullivan, started the very first OIC training center in 1964 in
9 an abandoned jailhouse in north Philadelphia; and

10 WHEREAS, The undertaking was a huge success, and programs
11 were quickly replicated in cities across the United States,
12 providing comprehensive employment training and placement for
13 disadvantaged, unemployed and unskilled Americans of all races
14 and backgrounds; and

15 WHEREAS, The OIC philosophy of "self-help" and the system of
16 developing the "whole person" enable individuals to become self-
17 sufficient, productive workers; and

18 WHEREAS, OIC prepares people for today's work force with

1 quality life skills development, fundamental education, job
2 skills training and employment readiness; and

3 WHEREAS, OIC has the objective of fostering and nurturing a
4 sense of self-pride amongst its associates and trainees to give
5 them confidence and enable them to participate with dignity in
6 society; and

7 WHEREAS, This year will mark the 50th anniversary of the OIC;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The OIC seeks to stimulate loyalty, pride in the
10 community and a sense of goodwill involving all religious,
11 racial, cultural, economic and political groups, while
12 developing an awareness of each person's relationships and
13 responsibilities to humanity; and

14 WHEREAS, Herman "Art" Taylor was appointed chairperson of the
15 National Board of Directors for OIC of America, Inc., in April
16 2009; and

17 WHEREAS, The mission of OIC is to continue to be the nation's
18 leader in providing quality education, training, employment and
19 housing services through a national network of local affiliated
20 organizations, enabling economically disadvantaged people of all
21 races and backgrounds to become productive and fulfilled members
22 of American society; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
24 50th anniversary of Opportunities Industrialization Centers and
25 designate April 29, 2014, as "Opportunities Industrialization
26 Centers Day" in Pennsylvania.