

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Duquesne University Tamburitzans in the City of
2 Pittsburgh.

3 WHEREAS, The Duquesne University Tamburitzans are the
4 longest-running multicultural song and dance company in the
5 United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Headquartered in Pittsburgh, the company's members
7 are full-time Duquesne University students who receive
8 scholarships for their activities; and

9 WHEREAS, The Tamburitzans were created in 1937 by Dr. A.
10 Lester Pierce, who brought his "Slavonic Tamburitza Orchestra"
11 from St. Edward's University of Austin, Texas, to Pittsburgh,
12 where the group was well received by the region's diverse ethnic
13 communities; and

14 WHEREAS, The Tamburitzans mission is to provide deserving
15 students an education and to perpetuate the varying folk
16 cultures and traditions of Eastern Europe; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the years, the Tamburitzans have recorded

1 albums and have toured extensively, sometimes internationally,
2 performing music and dance mainly from Eastern Europe and its
3 neighboring folk cultures; and

4 WHEREAS, The Tamburitzans are affectionately known as "the
5 Tammies" in some circles; and

6 WHEREAS, Besides producing the longest-running live stage
7 show in the country, the Tamburitzans organization is also a
8 cultural and historical legacy at Duquesne University and in
9 Pittsburgh; and

10 WHEREAS, A part of Duquesne University's Division of Student
11 Life, the Tamburitzans Department is housed in the Tamburitzans
12 Administration Building; and

13 WHEREAS, It is home to offices, rehearsal space, a wardrobe
14 department, a library, special collections and displays,
15 hundreds of books, costumes and instruments, as well as a
16 significant music and film collection; and

17 WHEREAS, Throughout its 75-year history, the Duquesne
18 University Tamburitzans organization has allowed the traditions
19 of the past to live on through music, dance and many cultural
20 resources; and

21 WHEREAS, This tradition remains not only in Pittsburgh but
22 throughout the United States, Canada and Europe; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the
24 Duquesne University Tamburitzans; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
26 the Duquesne University Tamburitzans, 1801 Boulevard of the
27 Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.