

A RESOLUTION
Recognizing April 13, 2016 as
“Industrial Resource Center Appreciation Day” in Pennsylvania

WHEREAS, manufacturing is among Pennsylvania’s leading industries, contributing \$82 billion in economic impact each year, an amount that makes Pennsylvania the 8th largest manufacturing state in the Union; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing provides a family-sustaining average wage of over \$57,000 to more than 570,000 direct employees each year, thus infusing over \$32 billion of employee earnings into Pennsylvania’s economy each year; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth’s 14,000+ manufacturers helped fuel the Commonwealth by contributing more than \$959 million of wage taxes and \$445 million of sales taxes to our Treasury last year; and

WHEREAS, the Industrial Resource Centers, were established by the General Assembly under Act 2001-31, the Industrial Resource Center Partnership Act on June 22, 2001 to serve the manufacturing industries in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the statewide Industrial Resource Centers diligently provide technical services and much-needed expertise to Pennsylvania’s small and mid-sized manufacturing community in the areas of innovation, process improvement, reshoring and technology acceleration; and

WHEREAS, over the past 10 years, the work of our statewide Industrial Resource Centers has had positive impacts upon, and has created or retained critical manufacturing jobs within, in excess of 3,200 Pennsylvania manufacturing businesses; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Commerce recently verified that, over the past 10 years, Pennsylvania manufacturers have realized sales impacts of over \$7.4 trillion and bottom-line cost savings of over \$636 billion as direct results of Industrial Resource Center services; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Commerce recently verified that, over the past 10 years, Industrial Resource Center activities have facilitated over \$1.6 billion of manufacturer investment in Pennsylvania and positively impacted over 57,000 manufacturing jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Centers represent a public-private partnership that looks forward to continuing to leverage Commonwealth, federal and industry resources to further advance our manufacturing economy and create manufacturing jobs well into the future; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania House of Representatives recognize April 13, 2016 as “Industrial Resource Center Appreciation Day” in Pennsylvania and urge its observance throughout the Commonwealth to show appreciation for the work of the Industrial Resource Centers and the importance of the industry they serve.