LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

RESOLUTION

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Referred to Committee on

Date_____**20**___

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As Committed-Amended

Recommendation

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By Hon._____

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh and its renovated facility which provides a safe and accessible environment for residents and clients.

WHEREAS, On May 5, 1974, the Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh was created to become one of the first shelters for survivors of domestic violence in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Through its programs and services, the Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh employs more than 80 staff members and assists 8,000 adults and children every year; and

WHEREAS, The Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh houses 500 individuals in its emergency shelter each year; and

WHEREAS, Services offered by the Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh include support groups, individual therapy, hotline counseling, referrals to resources, civil legal representation, assistance in navigating the court and medical systems and children's services; and

WHEREAS, The Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh offers aid to adult immigrants and women who speak English as a second language; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh has provided several shelters as its clients' needs grew and expanded; and

WHEREAS, From summer 2016 to spring 2019, the Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh underwent a full renovation to provide additional security features and improve functionality and comfort for adults and children; and

WHEREAS, The Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh creates a safe space for healing and promotes the forward movement of its clients; and

WHEREAS, The architectural firm Rothschild Doyno Collaborative assisted the Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh in its journey to better meet the needs of its residents and clients; and

WHEREAS, The American Institute of Architects Pittsburgh Chapter granted the 2019 Design Pittsburgh award in Social Equity in Design to Rothschild Doyno Collaborative for the renovated Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh facility; and

WHEREAS, The Design Pittsburgh jury noted that the Rothschild Doyno Collaborative and the Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh successfully created a sanctuary for clients by establishing a shelter environment that emphasizes safety and builds trust while ensuring accessibility for a wide range of needs; and

WHEREAS, The partnership of the Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh and Rothschild Doyno Collaborative are

committed to assisting victims of domestic violence and their children; and

WHEREAS, Hard work and dedication to the organization's objectives created a shelter for its residents and other clients who describe the facility as their home; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh and its renovated facility which provides a safe and accessible environment for residents and clients.