

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 270 Session of
1997

INTRODUCED BY PETRONE, MICHLOVIC, READSHAW, PIPPY AND STEVENSON,
OCTOBER 7, 1997

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 7, 1997

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 6 through 10, 1997, as
2 "Southwestern Pennsylvania Manufacturers Week" in
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Manufacturing remains the lifeblood of southwestern
5 Pennsylvania's economy, employing more than 1,017,000 people in
6 the counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Butler,
7 Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Somerset,
8 Washington and Westmoreland; and

9 WHEREAS, Manufacturing provides one of every seven jobs for
10 workers, ranking ahead of health care, construction, financial
11 services, education, transportation and government in total
12 employment in the region; and

13 WHEREAS, Local manufacturers support a total annual payroll
14 of nearly \$6 billion, the highest of all employment sectors, and
15 contribute nearly \$200 million in State, county and local taxes
16 to help support communities, schools and ways of life in the 13-
17 county area; and

18 WHEREAS, The exportation of manufactured goods produced in

1 the region brings millions of dollars to the regional economy
2 each year; and

3 WHEREAS, Manufacturing is a great career choice for the
4 region's youth, with an array of opportunities and an industry
5 average wage that is 40% higher than the average wage for all
6 employees in the region; and

7 WHEREAS, The future of the regional economy depends on local
8 schools to educate and prepare students to become successful
9 employees and managers in the manufacturing sector; and

10 WHEREAS, Local community leaders, educators and manufacturers
11 have bound together to build partnerships to strengthen the ties
12 between education and industry; and

13 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh High Technology Council's Advanced
14 Manufacturing Network, in partnership with the Southwestern
15 Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center's The Southwestern
16 Pennsylvania Connection, is committed to supporting the needs of
17 manufacturers throughout the region; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, in recognition
19 of the important contribution manufacturers have made to the
20 economic health and welfare of the southwestern Pennsylvania
21 region and this Commonwealth, designate the week of October 6
22 through 10, 1997, as "Southwestern Pennsylvania Manufacturers
23 Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That all organizations and citizens in this
25 Commonwealth be encouraged to honor and recognize the
26 contributions of local manufacturers in their communities.