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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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## A RESOLUTION

1 Informing the National Science Foundation of the support of the  
2 House of Representatives for the Basic Education/Higher  
3 Education Science and Technology Partnership currently  
4 serving the Commonwealth and urging the support of this  
5 effort through the foundation's Math and Science Partnership.

6 WHEREAS, The current partnership has begun programs across  
7 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and serves students in our  
8 poorest urban and rural areas and areas with the highest  
9 minority enrollments; and

10 WHEREAS, The current partnership has demonstrated the ability  
11 to increase student learning in the sciences at rates far above  
12 other students; and

13 WHEREAS, This program is comprehensive, tying together  
14 resources, professional development and curriculum development;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, This program has 15 years of experience in changing  
17 what happens in the classroom; and

18 WHEREAS, This program is critical to students meeting the new

1 math and science standards enacted by the Commonwealth of  
2 Pennsylvania, particularly standards dealing with technology and  
3 technological devices; and

4 WHEREAS, The Subcommittee on School Finance of the Senate of  
5 Pennsylvania has singled out this program as being a cost-  
6 effective way to provide resources for schools and to address  
7 inequities in educational programs in our poorest schools; and

8 WHEREAS, The recent Keystone Commission on Education for  
9 Employment in the 21st Century commended this partnership as  
10 being critical to work force development because of its use of  
11 advanced instrumentation in the classroom; and

12 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has already  
13 committed financial resources and support for the pilot Math and  
14 Science Partnership; and

15 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has more than 150 colleges and  
16 universities within its borders providing ample sites for a  
17 future comprehensive Statewide program; and

18 WHEREAS, Lessons learned by the Math and Science Partnership  
19 can be implemented across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;  
20 therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
22 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the National Science  
23 Foundation to support the Basic Education/Higher Education  
24 Science and Technology Partnership through the foundation's Math  
25 and Science Partnership.