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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 25, 2003

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 To recognize and celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Ben  
2 Franklin Technology Partners program and its continued growth  
3 and success in and for the State of Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Ben Franklin, as a visionary, helped sustain the  
5 American economy through his inventions and personal investment  
6 in innovative ideas which gave him great respect and wealth, and  
7 he believed that the best way to address a specific societal  
8 need is to invest in innovative ideas which give way to economic  
9 growth; and

10 WHEREAS, Ben Franklin's concept of newer and better methods  
11 for doing things is the keystone principle of the State program  
12 named for him, the Ben Franklin Technology Partners; and

13 WHEREAS, Recognition should be given that the Ben Franklin

1 Technology Partners exemplifies Ben Franklin's vision for future  
2 economic growth; and

3 WHEREAS, The Ben Franklin Technology Partners provides  
4 leadership, mentorship and investment capital to entrepreneurs  
5 with vision; and

6 WHEREAS, Ben Franklin Technology Partners provides young,  
7 start-up businesses with innovative ideas and helps existing  
8 businesses looking to evolve utilizing modern, more efficient  
9 technologies; and

10 WHEREAS, The Ben Franklin Technology Partners is a conduit  
11 linking talented ideas and bringing together the right  
12 combination of resources to create new businesses, to modernize  
13 existing businesses and to create jobs and secure Pennsylvania's  
14 economic future through technological innovation; and

15 WHEREAS, The operational structure of the Ben Franklin  
16 Technology Partners is designed to be adaptable and flexible,  
17 always creating new visions, seeking innovation and investing in  
18 the entrepreneurial spirit that secures Pennsylvania's future  
19 competitiveness in a global economy; and

20 WHEREAS, The Ben Franklin Technology Partners has been  
21 recognized nationally and internationally as a successful  
22 economic development model and its proven record of success in  
23 economic development combined with a strong vision for the  
24 future, positions Pennsylvania to be a leader in an ever-  
25 changing economic environment; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the 20th anniversary  
27 of the Ben Franklin Technology Partners be recognized and  
28 celebrated as a time to reflect, commemorate and look to the  
29 future as Pennsylvania continues to grow and compete in today's  
30 global economy; and be it further

1       RESOLVED, That the Ben Franklin Technology Partners be  
2 recognized as a proven leader in economic development; and be it  
3 further

4       RESOLVED, That the Ben Franklin Technology Partners be  
5 recognized as a vital component of Pennsylvania's growing  
6 economy, delivering crucial resources at businesses' most  
7 vulnerable periods as it did 20 years ago, investing seed  
8 capital in promising early-stage, technology-based enterprises,  
9 advancing risk capital to establish businesses for process and  
10 product development activities, providing hands-on technical and  
11 business expertise to spur enterprise growth and accelerate  
12 commercialization activities and delivering customized solutions  
13 which draw on an extensive network of public and private  
14 resources at universities, Federal laboratories and research  
15 institutions; and be it further

16       RESOLVED, That the Ben Franklin Technology Partners be  
17 encouraged to continue to embrace change, maintain a position on  
18 the cutting edge of technology and secure the future for all  
19 Pennsylvanians.