
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 661 Session of
2004

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BALDWIN, BIANCUCCI, CREIGHTON AND FLEAGLE, MARCH 31, 2004

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 31, 2004

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2004 as "Pennsylvania Community
2 College Month."

3 WHEREAS, The Community College Act of 1963 was signed by
4 Governor William Scranton on August 23, 1963, making 2004 the
5 40th anniversary of the community college system; and

6 WHEREAS, The first community college in this Commonwealth was
7 founded and opened its doors in Harrisburg in 1964; and

8 WHEREAS, The 14 community colleges in this Commonwealth
9 currently have more than 362,000 students enrolled in diverse
10 educational, cultural and self-development programs; and

11 WHEREAS, Community colleges in this Commonwealth have
12 educated more than 1.85 million Pennsylvanians over the past 40
13 years; and

1 WHEREAS, Community colleges provide two-year liberal arts
2 curricula leading to associate degrees or transfer to four-year
3 institutions; degree and certificate programs in technical,
4 vocational and occupational curricula; public safety training;
5 and remedial and basic skills development; and

6 WHEREAS, Community colleges work in pivotal roles with
7 business and industry, training and retraining students for
8 current and emerging job markets; and

9 WHEREAS, Community colleges provide students and area
10 residents access to the most convenient and cost-effective
11 educational opportunities available and open their campuses to
12 embrace the communities they serve; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That, in special recognition of the 40th
14 anniversary of community colleges in this Commonwealth and their
15 exemplary role in the lives of students and residents of this
16 Commonwealth, the House of Representatives designate the month
17 of April 2004 as "Pennsylvania Community College Month" and
18 encourage all citizens to recognize, appreciate and support the
19 contributions these institutions make to their communities and
20 our Commonwealth.