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LOGAN, COSTA, STOUT, KASUNIC, MUSTO, SCHWARTZ, O'PAKE,  
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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  
14 Technology Partners exemplifies Ben Franklin's vision for future  
15 economic growth; and

16 WHEREAS, The Ben Franklin Technology Partners provides  
17 leadership, mentorship and investment capital to entrepreneurs

1 with vision; and

2 WHEREAS, Ben Franklin Technology Partners provides young,  
3 start-up businesses with innovative ideas and helps existing  
4 businesses looking to evolve utilizing modern, more efficient  
5 technologies; and

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

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

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

22 RESOLVED (the House of Representatives concurring), That the  
23 20th anniversary of the Ben Franklin Technology Partners be  
24 recognized and celebrated as a time to reflect, commemorate and  
25 look to the future as Pennsylvania continues to grow and compete  
26 in today's global economy; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Ben Franklin Technology Partners be  
28 recognized as a proven leader in economic development; and be it  
29 further

30 RESOLVED, That the Ben Franklin Technology Partners be

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

12       RESOLVED, That the Ben Franklin Technology Partners be  
13 encouraged to continue to embrace change, maintain a position on  
14 the cutting edge of technology and secure the future for all  
15 Pennsylvanians.