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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY PAYNE, BUXTON, BELFANTI, BISHOP, BRENNAN,  
CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, COHEN, DIGIROLAMO, GALLOWAY, GEORGE,  
GINGRICH, HERSHEY, HESS, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, MAJOR, McCALL,  
MILLARD, MUNDY, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, PALLONE, RAMALEY,  
RAYMOND, READSHAW, ROSS, RUBLEY, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO,  
SEIP, SIPTROTH, SONNEY, SURRA, VEREB, YOUNGBLOOD, FREEMAN,  
TANGRETTI, JOSEPHS, MARKOSEK AND MOYER, MAY 23, 2007

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MAY 23, 2007

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the work and achievements of Judith M. Heh, a favorite  
2 daughter of this Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, In 1982, Judith M. Heh was the first woman elected  
4 to a Statewide office for the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO and served  
5 eight years as secretary-treasurer and four years as executive  
6 vice president and director of the Committee on Political  
7 Education (COPE); and

8 WHEREAS, While at the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO, Governor Robert  
9 P. Casey appointed Ms. Heh as the chair for the Pennsylvania  
10 Commission for Women (1987-1995), a member of the Governor's  
11 Economic Development Partnership (1987-1994); and a member of  
12 the State Job Partnership Training Coordinating Council (1991-  
13 1994); Governor Casey also appointed her to the Unemployment  
14 Advisory Committee to serve with other labor and business  
15 leaders to resolve the financial crisis of the Pennsylvania

1 Unemployment Compensation Fund; and

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Heh, since 1994, has served as director of  
3 District Council 90 of the American Federation of State, County  
4 and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), which represents approximately  
5 10,000 public employees and health care workers in Dauphin  
6 County and was the first female to serve as a district council  
7 director for AFSCME in Pennsylvania; and

8 WHEREAS, Formerly of Pittsburgh, Ms. Heh worked there in  
9 State government and became one of the local leaders of AFSCME,  
10 serving as president of Local 2578 for ten years; and

11 WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Ms. Heh has championed the  
12 cause to eliminate sex-based, race-based and wage-based  
13 discrimination in the workplace and from 1983 until the  
14 enactment of the Family and Medical Leave Act in 1993, she was  
15 chair of the Family and Medical Leave Coalition in Pennsylvania,  
16 composed of more than 80 labor, progressive and civil rights  
17 organizations to promote FMLA legislation at the national and  
18 State level; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Heh has also served as treasurer and vice  
20 president of the Harrisburg Region Central Labor Council, State  
21 vice president for the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW), a  
22 board member for the United Way of the Capital Region, treasurer  
23 for the Pennsylvania Labor History Society and chair for the  
24 Union Leadership Academy (ULA) for Pennsylvania, New Jersey and  
25 West Virginia; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and  
27 recognize the work and achievements of Judith M. Heh.