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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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READSHAW, ROEBUCK, ROHRER, ROSS, SAINATO, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO,  
SIPTROTH, SONNEY, SURRA, VULAKOVICH, WOJNAROSKI AND RAPP,  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

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A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (UPJ)  
2 on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of its founding; and  
3 designating the week of September 23 through 30, 2007, as  
4 "UPJ Week" in Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, UPJ was founded in 1927 as one of the first regional  
6 campuses of a major university in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, UPJ is celebrating the inauguration of its fifth  
8 president, Dr. Jem Spectar, during its 80th anniversary; and

9 WHEREAS, In announcing Dr. Spectar's appointment, University  
10 of Pittsburgh Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg offered: "Dr.  
11 Spectar is a visionary leader and celebrated teacher with the  
12 skills and experience necessary to build effectively upon the  
13 strengths of our Johnstown campus and to enrich the lives of  
14 students, faculty, staff and administration"; and

15 WHEREAS, UPJ is committed to strengthening its enviable

1 position as one of the region's most respected providers of  
2 high-quality undergraduate education with more than 40 degree  
3 programs; and

4 WHEREAS, UPJ is committed to increasing the scope, quality  
5 and visibility of the success of its outstanding graduates; and

6 WHEREAS, UPJ is a vital knowledge center and foremost  
7 contributor to the region's intellectual, social and cultural  
8 environment; and

9 WHEREAS, As a top employer in the community, UPJ offers  
10 employment to 143 faculty, 210 staff and 112 food service  
11 employees and generates an additional 174 jobs within Cambria  
12 and Somerset Counties while shaping the region's economic future  
13 as a key partner; and

14 WHEREAS, UPJ is home to 2,750 full-time and 350 part-time  
15 students per year, and its retention and graduation rates exceed  
16 the national averages of similar institutions; and

17 WHEREAS, UPJ has graduated 17,250 students since 1927; and

18 WHEREAS, UPJ is a major economic resource to the residents of  
19 southwestern Pennsylvania, with a direct impact of more than \$60  
20 million in the Cambria and Somerset region; and

21 WHEREAS, Further impacting the region, 55% of UPJ students  
22 and 83% of UPJ faculty and staff donate their time to charitable  
23 nonprofit activities, with more than \$720,000 in-kind gifts of  
24 volunteer time; and

25 WHEREAS, UPJ has been ranked for five consecutive years by  
26 U.S. News and World Report, Best Colleges, as 3rd in the North  
27 in Comprehensive Colleges and Universities; and

28 WHEREAS, UPJ confers \$15 million in scholarships and  
29 endowments, a demonstration of its continued growth and its  
30 importance to the region that extends and enhances the benefits

1 it already provides to its students and communities; and

2 WHEREAS, UPJ's capital campaign is part of a \$2 billion  
3 campaign of the University of Pittsburgh, the largest in this  
4 Commonwealth, and one of only eight American universities  
5 pursuing campaigns of \$2 billion or more; and

6 WHEREAS, For 80 years, UPJ has served with distinction the  
7 needs of western Pennsylvania, the University of Pittsburgh,  
8 this Commonwealth, the nation and the world; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate UPJ  
10 on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of its founding and  
11 designate the week of September 23 through 30, 2007, as "UPJ  
12 Week" in Pennsylvania.