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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 406 Session of  
2007

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VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, WATSON, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD AND  
YUDICHAK, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 16, 2007, as "Independent College and  
2 University Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has the second largest number of  
4 private colleges and universities in the nation; and

5 WHEREAS, Independent colleges and universities enroll 266,000  
6 of the students in higher education in this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Independent colleges and universities award 49% of  
8 the baccalaureate degrees in this Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, Independent colleges and universities award 52% of  
10 the degrees awarded to minority students in this Commonwealth;  
11 and

1 WHEREAS, Independent colleges and universities award 63% of  
2 the advanced degrees in this Commonwealth; and

3 WHEREAS, Independent colleges and universities collectively  
4 employ more than 71,000 people in this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, Independent colleges and universities are the fourth  
6 largest private-sector employer in this Commonwealth with a  
7 total economic impact of more than \$18 billion; and

8 WHEREAS, Independent colleges and universities enroll more  
9 out-of-State students than any other state, attracting more than  
10 20,000 talented young people to this Commonwealth every year;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Many of these out-of-State students work in  
13 Pennsylvania upon graduation; and

14 WHEREAS, The presence of a large, healthy sector of  
15 independent institutions of higher education results in an  
16 enormous investment of private dollars, saving State taxpayers  
17 significant expenditures; and

18 WHEREAS, All Pennsylvanians benefit to some degree from the  
19 availability of independent colleges and universities throughout  
20 this Commonwealth; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October  
22 16, 2007, as "Independent College and University Day" in  
23 Pennsylvania.