
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 854 Session of
2008

INTRODUCED BY HARRIS, RAMALEY, BENNINGHOFF, BEYER, BOBACK,
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TRUE, VULAKOVICH AND D. O'BRIEN, AUGUST 28, 2008

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
AUGUST 28, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Ben Franklin Technology Partners on the occurrence
2 of the 25th anniversary of its founding.

3 WHEREAS, Ben Franklin Technology Partners (BFTP) was
4 established by act of the General Assembly on December 6, 1982;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, BFTP serves all 67 counties throughout this
7 Commonwealth through its four regional and 12 satellite offices;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, BFTP has provided seed capital, investments in
10 innovation and technical and business assistance to thousands of
11 entrepreneurs and established manufacturers throughout this
12 Commonwealth; and

13 WHEREAS, BFTP has helped create or retain more than 46,500
14 high-wage jobs for Pennsylvanians in industries that pay
15 approximately 28% above this Commonwealth's average wage; and

1 WHEREAS, According to a 2003 third-party evaluation of its
2 program, covering the period 1989 through 2001, BFTP has had an
3 estimated economic impact on the economy of this Commonwealth in
4 excess of \$8 billion; and

5 WHEREAS, The estimated economic impact of BFTP efforts has
6 resulted in the Commonwealth's garnering more than \$400 million
7 in additional State tax revenue, more than covering the cost of
8 the program during the period covered by the evaluation; and

9 WHEREAS, During its 25-year history, BFTP has been
10 continuously supported by the General Assembly, as well as five
11 gubernatorial administrations; and

12 WHEREAS, BFTP has become the most recognized and replicated
13 technology-based economic development program in the United
14 States, and it is acknowledged nationally and internationally as
15 the "gold standard"; and

16 WHEREAS, BFTP is commemorating its 25th anniversary
17 throughout 2008; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Ben
19 Franklin Technology Partners on the 25th anniversary of its
20 founding.