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STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, WASHINGTON, WAUGH, C. WILLIAMS
AND WONDERLING, APRIL 16, 2007

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, APRIL 16, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 23 through 30, 2007, as
2 "Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers'
3 Entrepreneurs Week" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania entrepreneurs set a model of business
5 excellence through their innovation, hard work and adaptability;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania entrepreneurs often play a vital role
8 in raising the quality of life in communities throughout this
9 Commonwealth by providing high-quality jobs, helping to sustain
10 a robust local economy and ensuring that Pennsylvania products
11 stand out in the world marketplace; and

12 WHEREAS, Small businesses create two-thirds of the new jobs
13 in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, Established in 1980, Pennsylvania's Small Business
15 Development Centers help to grow the economy of this
16 Commonwealth by providing entrepreneurs with the education,

1 information and tools necessary to build successful businesses;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Since their inception, Pennsylvania's Small Business
4 Development Centers have evolved into a network of 18
5 university-based centers and more than 90 outreach locations;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The 18 university-based centers are located at
8 Bucknell University, Clarion University, Duquesne University,
9 Gannon University, Indiana University, Kutztown University,
10 Lehigh University, Lock Haven University, The Pennsylvania State
11 University, Saint Francis University, Saint Vincent College,
12 Shippensburg University, Temple University, University of
13 Pittsburgh, University of Scranton, Wharton School, Widener
14 University and Wilkes University; and

15 WHEREAS, Since 1990, Pennsylvania's Small Business
16 Development Centers have helped Pennsylvania entrepreneurs start
17 more than 22,000 new businesses, obtain \$1.8 billion in start-up
18 and expansion funding, expand sales by \$8.1 billion, including
19 \$1.9 billion in government contracts and \$1 billion in export
20 sales, create more than 97,800 new jobs at an average cost of
21 \$715 per job and generate more than \$738 million in new tax
22 revenues; and

23 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania system of Small Business
24 Development Centers is recognizing this Commonwealth's most
25 outstanding entrepreneurs for their ingenuity and their ability
26 to thrive in a global economy during the 13th Annual Client
27 Exposition on Tuesday, April 24, 2007; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of April 23
29 through 30, 2007, as "Pennsylvania Small Business Development
30 Centers' Entrepreneurs Week" in Pennsylvania.