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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the 250th anniversary of the naming of the Pittsburgh  
2 region.

3 WHEREAS, The 250th anniversary of the naming of the  
4 Pittsburgh region is an opportunity to celebrate an important  
5 moment in Pennsylvania, American and world history and the  
6 legendary Forbes Campaign of 1758, which was a turning point of  
7 the French and Indian War; and

8 WHEREAS, The citizens of 14 counties in southwestern  
9 Pennsylvania have contributed many innovations that have  
10 transformed the nation and the world, from a powerhouse of  
11 metals, chemicals and glass to present leadership in materials  
12 science, life sciences, information technology and other  
13 knowledge industries, and they desire young people the world  
14 over to imagine what they can do here; and

15 WHEREAS, Pittsburgh 250 has identified and is supporting the  
16 completion of three grand signature projects for residents and

1 visitors that will create lasting legacies celebrating regional  
2 and national history, the great outdoors and the arts for  
3 generations to come, including:

4 (1) the transformation of Point State Park, with  
5 expanded riverfront access, public art, a refurbished  
6 fountain and more to serve as the region's "front door";

7 (2) the publication of "Pennsylvania's Forbes Trail:  
8 Gateways and Getaways Along the Legendary Route From  
9 Philadelphia to Pittsburgh" celebrating the road British and  
10 American troops built across this Commonwealth's Allegheny  
11 Mountain Wilderness in 1758, a route of history connecting  
12 the French and Indian War, Independence Hall, Valley Forge,  
13 Gettysburg, the Industrial Revolution and the Flight 93  
14 National Memorial, and from June 24 through 29, 2008, the  
15 route of the Tour of Pennsylvania international cycling race;  
16 and

17 (3) the completion of the Great Allegheny Passage, a  
18 world-class, 335-mile hiking and biking trail that, combined  
19 with the C&O Canal Towpath, connects George Washington's home  
20 at Mount Vernon in Virginia to Pittsburgh's Point State Park,  
21 that bicyclists, outdoor enthusiasts and trailside businesses  
22 will celebrate with an inaugural ride that concludes October  
23 4, 2008; and

24 WHEREAS, Pittsburgh 250 is a grassroots celebration involving  
25 hundreds of thousands of individuals and organizations across  
26 this Commonwealth through:

27 (1) Community Connections contributions in 14 counties  
28 that celebrate "Pride and Progress" in history, music, the  
29 arts and civic engagement;

30 (2) 250 & Fit, a program challenging residents to

1 transform their lifestyles by committing to improved health  
2 and wellness that leads to healthier communities and  
3 establishing the Pittsburgh region as a place unique for its  
4 dedication to healthy living; and

5 (3) Reunion and Homecoming, an effort encouraging  
6 individuals and organizations to hold homecomings, reunions  
7 and meetings that bring former residents and visitors to this  
8 Commonwealth through 2008 and beyond;

9 therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the year 2008 as a time  
11 for all the citizens of this Commonwealth, past and present, as  
12 well as visitors from around the world, to join together to  
13 celebrate the history of the Pittsburgh region, enjoy the  
14 present, imagine a bright future and work together to make it  
15 happen by celebrating the anniversary year with Pittsburgh 250.