

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 177 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY ROEBUCK, ADOLPH, ARGALL, BARRAR, BEYER, BISHOP, BOBACK, BOYD, BRENNAN, BURNS, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, COHEN, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, DeLUCA, DePASQUALE, DiGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, FAIRCHILD, FRANKEL, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HELM, HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, HUTCHINSON, M. KELLER, KORTZ, KOTIK, KULA, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANDERINO, MANN, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, McCALL, MELIO, MENSCH, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MILNE, MOUL, MUNDY, MURT, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PARKER, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, QUINN, RAPP, READSHAW, ROCK, ROHRER, ROSS, SAINATO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, SOLOBAY, SONNEY, STABACK, SWANGER, J. TAYLOR, TRUE, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, WATSON, WHEATLEY, WHITE, YOUNGBLOOD AND YUDICHAK, MARCH 23, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 23, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2009 as "Pennsylvania Community
2 College Month."

3 WHEREAS, More than 415,000 students are currently enrolled in
4 credit and noncredit programs at this Commonwealth's 14
5 community colleges; and

6 WHEREAS, More than 68,900 students are currently enrolled in
7 over 2,450 distance learning courses and programs offered by the
8 community colleges, allowing students to build their academic
9 credentials and certifications while maintaining their work
10 schedules and family responsibilities; and

11 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer and support dual enrollment

1 of more than 9,100 high school students, representing half of
2 this Commonwealth's school districts; and

3 WHEREAS, Community colleges facilitate high-technology career
4 pathways with seamless curricula by collaborating in 2+2+2
5 project grants; and

6 WHEREAS, Community colleges have developed more than 1,000
7 articulation agreements to ensure that students seamlessly
8 transition from the community college to a four-year degree; and

9 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer individualized credit and
10 noncredit courses and programs that enhance the work force
11 pipeline and stimulate this Commonwealth's economy; and

12 WHEREAS, Community colleges are responding to the current
13 economic downturn by implementing tuition waiver programs to aid
14 unemployed workers in obtaining crucial skills and knowledge for
15 reentry into the work force; and

16 WHEREAS, Employers throughout this Commonwealth have
17 contracted with community colleges to provide training for more
18 than 37,400 employees; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That, in special recognition of community colleges
20 and their exemplary role in meeting the educational and training
21 needs of so many residents of this Commonwealth, the House of
22 Representatives designate the month of April 2009 as
23 "Pennsylvania Community College Month" and encourage all
24 citizens to recognize, appreciate and support the contributions
25 these institutions make to their communities and to this
26 Commonwealth.