

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JULY  
20, 2009

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring PRWT Services, Inc., on its selection as Black  
2 Entertainment's 2009 Industrial/Service Company of the Year  
3 for its continued growth and success.

4 WHEREAS, PRWT Services, Inc., is one of the nation's fastest  
5 growing minority enterprises; and

6 WHEREAS, For eight consecutive years, PRWT Services, Inc.,  
7 has been named one of Black Entertainment's Top 100  
8 Industrial/Service Companies in America; and

9 WHEREAS, While growing in a manner that encompasses  
10 entrepreneurial diversity, socially responsible growth and  
11 superior quality products and service, PRWT Services, Inc., has  
12 remained true to its core values; and

13 WHEREAS, PRWT Services, Inc., has managed to develop from a  
14 single account to one of the largest minority firms in this  
15 nation; and

16 WHEREAS, With 2008 sales totaling \$165 million, PRWT  
17 Services, Inc., employs 1,300 in ten states and Washington,

D.C., and provides services in operations support, technical services, software products and partnership management; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, PRWT Services, Inc., transformed adversity into opportunity and forged an agreement with Merck to take over the drug company's Riverside plant and created a major new subsidiary, Cherokee Pharmaceuticals LLC, becoming the first minority-owned manufacturer of pharmaceutical products in the United States and preserving nearly 400 jobs in the process; and

WHEREAS, With the recent unification with KBL Healthcare Acquisition Corp. III, PRWT Services, Inc., is poised to make the transition to one of the major stock exchanges as a publicly traded company; and

WHEREAS, Willie F. Johnson founded PRWT Services, Inc., in 1988 and has been its chairman since its inception; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was honored by Ernst & Young in June 2009, when it announced that he was the recipient of the Entrepreneur of the Year Award in Business Services in the Greater Philadelphia Region; and

WHEREAS, Prior to founding PRWT Services, Inc., Mr. Johnson was the owner and Chief Executive Officer of Fidelity Systems, Inc., a cable/line construction company; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson is a board member of the Cheyney University Foundation, Girard College, the African-American Chamber of Commerce and his alma mater, Allen University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson previously served as the commissioner of the Office of Social Services for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as well as the executive director of the Office of Employment and Training under the Office of the Mayor for the City of Philadelphia; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize Willie

1 F. Johnson for his extensive community involvement, his  
2 extraordinary business acumen and his commitment to academia, as  
3 well as the creation of numerous economic opportunities for his  
4 fellow citizens; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives pay homage to  
6 PRWT Services, Inc., on its remarkable 20-year evolution from a  
7 single account holder in 1988 to being cited as Black  
8 Entertainment's 2009 Industrial/Service Company of the Year.