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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WHEATLEY, BRADFORD, BRIGGS, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN,  
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O'NEILL, PARKER, RAVENSTAHL, ROEBUCK, STABACK, TAYLOR,  
THOMAS, WAGNER AND VULAKOVICH, JUNE 25, 2011

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE  
25, 2011

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A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the South Side Local Development Company on its 30th  
2 and final year as an organization.

3 WHEREAS, The South Side Local Development Company was formed  
4 in 1982 with a mission of historic preservation and economic  
5 revitalization; and

6 WHEREAS, The South Side Local Development Company was formed  
7 after the Pittsburgh steel mills closed and a sluggish economy  
8 had taken a toll on the South Side; and

9 WHEREAS, The South Side Local Development Company operates  
10 with a board of 24 directors who are residents and business  
11 owners on the South Side; and

12 WHEREAS, The company has a professional staff of six and  
13 hundreds of volunteers serving on various committees; and

14 WHEREAS, Major supporters include UPMC Health Plan, Station  
15 Square, First National Bank, S&T Bank, American Eagle Outfitters  
16 and Pittsburgh Partnership for Neighborhood Development; and

1       WHEREAS, Some of the first businesses to open on the South  
2 Side in the early 1980s include Mario's South Side Saloon and  
3 Esser's Floral Shop; and

4       WHEREAS, Presently, South Side is home to a mix of creative  
5 businesses, cafes, restaurants, art galleries, theater and  
6 retail shops; and

7       WHEREAS, South Side's East Carson Street is recognized as a  
8 local and national historic district and is considered to have  
9 the region's largest and best collection of Victorian commercial  
10 architecture; and

11       WHEREAS, Main Street on East Carson Street stimulated  
12 investment on the South Side and revitalized the business  
13 district, and in 1996, East Carson Street was one of only five  
14 districts nationwide to receive the National Trust's "Great  
15 American Main Street" award; and

16       WHEREAS, Under the South Side Local Development Company's  
17 direction over the last 21 years, South Side has seen more than  
18 250 new businesses established, 200 storefronts renovated, 700  
19 new homes constructed and a 12% vacancy rate in 2008, down from  
20 40% in 1982; therefore be it

21       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrate the  
22 South Side Local Development Company on its 30th and final year  
23 as an organization.