

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Central High School in Philadelphia for being  
2 recognized by the United States Department of Education as a  
3 Blue Ribbon School.

4 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Education conveyed  
5 the Blue Ribbon School award on only one Pennsylvania high  
6 school for the 2010-2011 school year, highlighting the  
7 exclusivity of this achievement; and

8 WHEREAS, Central High School in Philadelphia received this  
9 prestigious award, given to only 305 schools across the United  
10 States and to only 14 in this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, The award honors public and private elementary,  
12 middle and high schools for either high levels of student  
13 achievement or for a narrowing of achievement gaps; and

14 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of school administrator Sheldon

1 Pavel and a dedicated faculty, Central High School was  
2 recognized for high levels of student achievement; and

3 WHEREAS, The Department of Education's Blue Ribbon School  
4 Program is part of the department's effort to identify and  
5 disseminate knowledge about best school leadership and teaching  
6 practices; and

7 WHEREAS, Each year since 1982, the department has sought out  
8 schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals  
9 and levels of achievements, especially among disadvantaged  
10 students; and

11 WHEREAS, This is the second time Central High School has been  
12 recognized as a Blue Ribbon School, the first being for school  
13 year 1986-1987; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend Central  
15 High School in Philadelphia for being recognized by the United  
16 States Department of Education as a Blue Ribbon School.