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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 13, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the University of Pittsburgh on the occasion of the
2 225th anniversary of its founding.

3 WHEREAS, The University of Pittsburgh (Pitt) began in a
4 humble log cabin in 1787 and is celebrating its 225th
5 anniversary this year; and

6 WHEREAS, Pitt has evolved into an internationally recognized
7 center of learning and research; and

8 WHEREAS, Pitt ranks fifth among all United States
9 universities in competitive grants awarded by the National
10 Institutes of Health (NIH), exceeding \$800 million this year;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Research funding alone supports approximately 29,000

1 jobs and represents a return on investment of nearly \$6 to every
2 \$1 invested by the Commonwealth in the University of Pittsburgh;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Pitt undergraduates have won four Rhodes
5 Scholarships in the last seven years. In addition, since 1995,
6 Pitt students were awarded six Marshall Scholarships, five
7 Truman Scholarships, five Udall Scholarships, one Churchill
8 Scholarship, thirty-five Goldwater Scholarships and one Gates
9 Cambridge Scholarship; and

10 WHEREAS, In four of the past five years, Pitt has been ranked
11 in the "Very Top Cluster" of the nation's public research
12 universities; and

13 WHEREAS, Pitt currently enrolls more than 26,000 Pennsylvania
14 residents and provides those Pennsylvania students with
15 substantial savings in tuition costs; and

16 WHEREAS, Pitt employs more than 13,500 Pennsylvania residents
17 on its five campuses; and

18 WHEREAS, Pitt has approximately 294,000 alumni residing in
19 Pennsylvania; and

20 WHEREAS, Pitt contributes more than \$2 billion in spending
21 annually to the region's economy; and

22 WHEREAS, Pitt is ranked first among public institutions by
23 "Saviors of Our Cities: A Survey of Best College and University
24 Civic Partnerships" for dramatically strengthening the economy
25 and quality of life in its home communities; and

26 WHEREAS, Pitt was recently named a "best value in public
27 higher education" by Kiplinger's and The Princeton Review; and

28 WHEREAS, In addition to the economic contributors, the
29 University of Pittsburgh adds richness to the Commonwealth
30 through its broad array of athletic, cultural education, health

1 and social programs; and

2 WHEREAS, More than 4,000 students participate in community
3 service projects annually; and

4 WHEREAS, The University of Pittsburgh produced 37 new United
5 States patents in fiscal year 2011, bringing Pitt's 15-year
6 total to 441. Since fiscal year 2003, Pitt technologies have
7 formed the basis of 53 start-up companies; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the
9 University of Pittsburgh on the occasion of the 225th
10 anniversary of its founding.