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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 17, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Ballet.

2 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Ballet was established in 1963 by
3 Barbara Weisberger, a protégée of George Balanchine, through a
4 Ford Foundation initiative to develop regional professional
5 dance companies; and

6 WHEREAS, The first national performance of the Pennsylvania
7 Ballet took place in 1968 at City Center in New York; and

8 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Ballet served as the official
9 company of the Brooklyn Academy of Music during the 1970s; and

10 WHEREAS, From 1987 to 1989, the Pennsylvania Ballet allied
11 with the Milwaukee Ballet to become the first company in the
12 United States to offer its dancers year-round employment; and

13 WHEREAS, The first international performance of the
14 Pennsylvania Ballet took place in 2005 at the Edinburgh

1 International Festival; and

2 WHEREAS, In 2010, dancers from the Pennsylvania Ballet
3 performed in the Academy Award-winning film *Black Swan*; and

4 WHEREAS, This dance company's education program, *Accent on*
5 *Dance*, serves over 11,000 youngsters each year; and

6 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Ballet has earned a national
7 reputation and widespread critical acclaim for its performances
8 of a diverse classical and contemporary repertoire with a
9 Balanchine base; and

10 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Ballet is a notable cultural
11 institution of both the City of Philadelphia and the
12 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
14 50th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Ballet.