

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 23 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, BAKER, BLAKE, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, CORMAN, COSTA, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, ERICKSON, FARNESE, FERLO, FOLMER, FONTANA, GORDNER, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, HUTCHINSON, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, LEACH, MCILHINNEY, MENSCH, PILEGGI, ROBBINS, SCARNATI, SCHWANK, SMITH, SMUCKER, SOLOBAY, STACK, TARTAGLIONE, TEPLITZ, TOMLINSON, VANCE, VOGEL, VULAKOVICH, WARD, WASHINGTON, WAUGH, WHITE, WILEY, WILLIAMS, WOZNIAK, YAW AND YUDICHAK, FEBRUARY 4, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Joint State Government Commission on its 75th
2 anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, The Joint State Government Commission was
4 established under Act 459 of 1937 as a primary research agency
5 for the General Assembly; and

6 WHEREAS, The Joint State Government Commission is a
7 bicameral, nonpartisan research agency which serves the General
8 Assembly by providing legislators with a readily available
9 mechanism for conducting studies; and

10 WHEREAS, The Joint State Government Commission assists the
11 Commonwealth by making investigations and studies to gather
12 information deemed necessary to the Senate and the House of
13 Representatives; and

14 WHEREAS, The Joint State Government Commission also reports

1 to the General Assembly or to the various standing committees of
2 the Senate or the House of Representatives such findings and
3 recommendations together with legislation as it deems necessary
4 for the information of and consideration by the General
5 Assembly; and

6 WHEREAS, The Joint State Government Commission may provide
7 such technical staff services as shall be requested by the
8 standing committees of the Senate and the House of
9 Representatives during regular or special sessions of the
10 General Assembly; and

11 WHEREAS, The Joint State Government Commission presently
12 secures its policy projects through simple Senate or House of
13 Representatives resolutions or concurrent resolutions; and

14 WHEREAS, These projects are directed by legislative task
15 forces chaired by a Senator or Representative with the
16 assistance of an advisory committee consisting of professionals,
17 such as lawyers, judges and individuals from this Commonwealth's
18 colleges and universities; and

19 WHEREAS, The Joint State Government Commission has published
20 many influential studies which have resulted in new statutes,
21 while others have identified areas where State policies and
22 operations were deficient; and

23 WHEREAS, Examples of these studies include: The Landlord and
24 Tenant Act of 1951, the Crimes Code (1967), the Public School
25 Employees Retirement Code (1959), the Driver Distractions and
26 Traffic Safety staff report (2001) and the Eminent Domain Code
27 (2006); and

28 WHEREAS, The Joint State Government Commission continues to
29 serve this Commonwealth by conducting research on topics such as
30 human trafficking, the application of the death penalty in

1 Pennsylvania, the codification of Pennsylvania's public health
2 laws and child protection laws; and

3 WHEREAS, The Joint State Government Commission is comprised
4 of a diverse, flexible research staff that is experienced in
5 statistical analysis, policy development and the drafting of
6 legislation; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate congratulate the Joint State
8 Government Commission, its members and staff on the significant
9 occasion of 75 years of service to this Commonwealth and its
10 continuing contributions to the growth and success of this
11 Commonwealth.