

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 119 Session of 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 26, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating The Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic
 2 Dance Marathon for raising more than \$13 million for the Four
 3 Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital to
 4 help fight pediatric cancer.

5 WHEREAS, THON is the commonly referred to name for The
 6 Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon,
 7 the largest student-run philanthropy in the world; and

8 WHEREAS, THON is a year-long fundraising and awareness
 9 campaign to fight pediatric cancer, sustained by more than
 10 15,000 volunteers, that culminates in a 46-hour dance marathon
 11 in which dancers are not allowed to sit or sleep; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1977, THON partnered with the Four Diamonds Fund
 13 at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital and designated Four
 14 Diamonds as the sole beneficiary of THON's fundraising efforts;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Four Diamonds offsets the cost of treatment that
3 insurance does not cover, as well as expenses that may affect
4 the welfare of the child, and supports the medical team that
5 cares for the children and funds pediatric cancer research
6 through start-up grants and the Four Diamonds Pediatric Cancer
7 Research Institute; and

8 WHEREAS, Since 1977, THON has raised more than \$114 million
9 to help provide emotional and financial support to the children,
10 families, researchers and staff of the Four Diamonds Fund; and

11 WHEREAS, THON 2015 took place February 20 through 22, 2015,
12 at the Bryce Jordan Center at The Pennsylvania State University;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, THON 2015 set another groundbreaking fundraising
15 amount of \$13,026,653.23, the second highest amount in THON
16 history; and

17 WHEREAS, THON has inspired similar events and organizations
18 across the United States, including at high schools and
19 institutions of higher education and continues to encourage
20 students throughout the nation to volunteer and stay involved in
21 great charitable causes in their communities; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate The
23 Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon on
24 its continued success in support of the Four Diamonds Fund at
25 Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital and commend The
26 Pennsylvania State University students, volunteers and
27 supporting organizations for their hard work in putting together
28 another THON.