
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 325 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY HARHAI, ROZZI, MILLARD, KOTIK, READSHAW,
DIGIROLAMO, COHEN, HENNESSEY, ROSS, MULLERY, METZGAR, THOMAS,
KIRKLAND, CALTAGIRONE, SAINATO, MURT, VEREB, BOBACK,
WHEELAND, ENGLISH, GIBBONS, JAMES, KINSEY, FARINA, MATZIE,
LONGIETTI, D. COSTA, MARSHALL, ROEBUCK, MAHONEY, GROVE,
YOUNGBLOOD, PAYNE AND GINGRICH, MAY 11, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 11, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Duquesne University Tamburitzans in the City of
2 Pittsburgh.

3 WHEREAS, The Duquesne University Tamburitzans are the
4 longest-running multicultural song and dance company in the
5 United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Headquartered in Pittsburgh, the company's members
7 are full-time Duquesne University students who receive
8 scholarships for their activities; and

9 WHEREAS, The Tamburitzans were created in 1937 by Dr. A.
10 Lester Pierce, who brought his "Slavonic Tamburitza Orchestra"
11 from St. Edward's University of Austin, Texas, to Pittsburgh,
12 where the group was well received by the region's diverse ethnic
13 communities; and

14 WHEREAS, The Tamburitzans mission is to provide deserving
15 students an education and to perpetuate the varying folk

1 cultures and traditions of Eastern Europe; and

2 WHEREAS, Over the years, the Tamburitzans have recorded
3 albums and have toured extensively, sometimes internationally,
4 performing music and dance mainly from Eastern Europe and its
5 neighboring folk cultures; and

6 WHEREAS, The Tamburitzans are affectionately known as "the
7 Tammies" in some circles; and

8 WHEREAS, Besides producing the longest-running live stage
9 show in the country, the Tamburitzans organization is also a
10 cultural and historical legacy at Duquesne University and in
11 Pittsburgh; and

12 WHEREAS, A part of Duquesne University's Division of Student
13 Life, the Tamburitzans Department is housed in the Tamburitzans
14 Administration Building; and

15 WHEREAS, It is home to offices, rehearsal space, a wardrobe
16 department, a library, special collections and displays,
17 hundreds of books, costumes and instruments, as well as a
18 significant music and film collection; and

19 WHEREAS, Throughout its 75-year history, the Duquesne
20 University Tamburitzans organization has allowed the traditions
21 of the past to live on through music, dance and many cultural
22 resources; and

23 WHEREAS, This tradition remains not only in Pittsburgh but
24 throughout the United States, Canada and Europe; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the
26 Duquesne University Tamburitzans; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
28 the Duquesne University Tamburitzans, 1801 Boulevard of the
29 Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.