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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 13, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 13, 2016, as "Industrial Resource Center  
2 Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Manufacturing is among this Commonwealth's leading  
4 industries, contributing \$82 billion to the gross State product  
5 each year, making this Commonwealth the eighth-largest  
6 manufacturing state in the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, Manufacturing provides a family-sustaining average  
8 wage of more than \$57,000 to more than 570,000 direct employees  
9 each year, infusing more than \$32 billion in employee earnings  
10 into this Commonwealth's economy each year; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 14,000 manufacturers Statewide helped to  
12 fuel this Commonwealth's economy by contributing more than \$959  
13 million in wage taxes and \$445 million in sales taxes to the  
14 Pennsylvania Treasury last year; and

15 WHEREAS, Under the act of June 22, 2001 (P.L.400, No.31),  
16 known as the Industrial Resources Center Partnership Act, the  
17 General Assembly established the Industrial Resource Centers to

1 serve the manufacturing industries in this Commonwealth; and

2 WHEREAS, The Industrial Resource Centers diligently provide  
3 technical services and much-needed expertise to our small and  
4 mid-sized manufacturing community Statewide in areas of  
5 innovation, process improvement, reshoring and technology  
6 acceleration; and

7 WHEREAS, Over the past 10 years, the work of the Industrial  
8 Resource Centers has had positive impacts upon, and has created  
9 or retained critical manufacturing jobs within, more than 3,200  
10 manufacturing businesses in this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Commerce recently  
12 verified that over the past 10 years Pennsylvania manufacturers  
13 have realized sales impacts of more than \$7.4 trillion and  
14 bottom-line cost savings of more than \$636 billion as direct  
15 results of Industrial Resource Center services; and

16 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Commerce recently  
17 verified that over the past 10 years Industrial Resource Center  
18 activities have facilitated more than \$1.6 billion of  
19 manufacturer investment in this Commonwealth and have positively  
20 impacted more than 57,000 created or retained manufacturing  
21 jobs; and

22 WHEREAS, The Industrial Resource Centers throughout this  
23 Commonwealth represent a public-private partnership that looks  
24 forward to continuing to leverage Federal, State and industrial  
25 resources to further advance our manufacturing economy and  
26 create manufacturing jobs well into the future; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate April 13, 2016, as  
28 "Industrial Resource Center Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania  
29 and urge its observance throughout this Commonwealth to show  
30 appreciation for the work of the Industrial Resource Centers and

1 the importance of the industry they serve.