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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 793 Session of  
2018

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INTRODUCED BY MARSHALL, ROEBUCK, BARBIN, BERNSTINE, R. BROWN,  
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SAMUELSON, SIMS, SOLOMON, SONNEY, STAATS, TOOIL, WARD,  
YOUNGBLOOD, STURLA, McCLINTON, SAYLOR AND WHEATLEY,  
APRIL 4, 2018

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 4, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2018 as "Pennsylvania Community  
2 College Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For 55 years, this Commonwealth's community colleges  
4 have provided accessible and affordable higher education,  
5 workforce training and transfer opportunities for millions of  
6 Pennsylvania residents; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's community colleges serve more than  
8 317,000 students throughout this Commonwealth and 95% of credit  
9 students are residents; and

10 WHEREAS, One out of every four undergraduates in this  
11 Commonwealth attends a community college; and

12 WHEREAS, Community colleges serve nontraditional students,  
13 part-time students, dislocated workers and veterans; and

14 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer increased access through

1 online education courses and programs, allowing students to  
2 build their academic credentials and certifications while  
3 maintaining their work schedules and family responsibilities;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer the most affordable pathway  
6 to the baccalaureate through more than 3,040 transfer and  
7 articulation agreements to ensure that students seamlessly  
8 transition from community college to a four-year degree, with  
9 nearly 35,000 students transferring each year; and

10 WHEREAS, Community colleges continue to graduate students in  
11 many of the high-demand and high-growth industries vital to this  
12 Commonwealth's economy, particularly in health care, public  
13 safety, manufacturing and energy; and

14 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer individualized credit and  
15 noncredit courses and programs that enhance the workforce  
16 pipeline and stimulate this Commonwealth's economy; and

17 WHEREAS, Community colleges have developed 67 new or  
18 redesigned programs in response to regional needs of employers  
19 and workforce trends; and

20 WHEREAS, More than 1,900 employers throughout this  
21 Commonwealth have contracted with community colleges to provide  
22 training for more employees, and more than 100,000 employees  
23 have been trained by community colleges throughout this  
24 Commonwealth; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
26 month of April 2018 as "Pennsylvania Community College Month" in  
27 Pennsylvania; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all  
29 residents to recognize, appreciate and support the contributions  
30 community colleges make to their communities and our

1 Commonwealth.