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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 26, 2017, as "P.O.W.E.R. 4 Precision
2 Medicine" in Pittsburgh and commemorating the contributions
3 of Women In Bio in this Commonwealth.

4 WHEREAS, "P.O.W.E.R. 4 Precision Medicine" (Pittsburgh
5 Outstanding Women Entrepreneurs Rally) is being held September
6 26, 2017, in recognition and celebration of professional women
7 in western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and West Virginia; and

8 WHEREAS, Women In Bio (WIB) is a national organization of
9 professionals committed to promoting careers, leadership and
10 entrepreneurship for women in the life sciences; and

11 WHEREAS, WIB was established in 2002 to help women
12 entrepreneurs and executives in the Baltimore, Washington, DC
13 and northern Virginia area build successful bioscience-related
14 businesses, provide a forum for women to come together,
15 celebrate and support each other's success and, in so doing,
16 create a dynamic and invaluable forum for the local community;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The mission of WIB was expanded several years later
19 with a vision to grow it into an organization with a national

footprint that would impact the careers of women in all sectors of the life sciences industry; and

WHEREAS, WIB now has 13 chapters throughout North America, led by more than 100 volunteers and a membership base of more than 1,000 individuals; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of women attend WIB events each year and continue to grow the organization through their ideas, activities and donations; and

WHEREAS, WIB aims to help women achieve the highest levels of leadership, influence and decision making they desire; and

WHEREAS, WIB's primary focus is to provide women-to-women mentorship and leadership support through all stages of career development; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, five Pittsburgh entrepreneurs and academics launched a local chapter of WIB-Pittsburgh, a nonprofit organization working to support recognized and emerging women leaders in the life sciences of western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Founding members of WIB-Pittsburgh include Lynn Brusco, Babs Carryer, Lidiya Orlichenko, Dottie Clower and Pat Rogan; and

WHEREAS, WIB-Pittsburgh is working to support recognized and emerging women leaders in the biosciences industry of western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, The organization's mission is to promote knowledge sharing among women, impact regional economic growth and stimulate empowerment among women leaders; and

WHEREAS, The organization believes that women have the unique potential for improving companies' strategic positions and growth by offering intelligence, spirit, leadership and vision

1 to the biotech, pharmaceutical and health care industries;
2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize September 26, 2017, as
4 "P.O.W.E.R. 4 Precision Medicine" in Pittsburgh and commemorate
5 the contributions of Women In Bio in this Commonwealth; and be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the important work of the
8 national and Pittsburgh chapters of Women In Bio.