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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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OBERLANDER AND DEASY, MARCH 14, 2019

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 14, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing 2019 as the 80th anniversary of Junior Achievement  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Junior Achievement (JA) is the world's largest  
4 organization dedicated to educating students about workforce  
5 readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy through  
6 experiential hands-on programs; and

7 WHEREAS, This year 2019 marks the 100th anniversary of JA in  
8 the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Over 6,000 business, community and parent classroom  
10 mentor volunteers touch the lives of more than 200,000 students  
11 in kindergarten through grade 12 in public and private school  
12 systems in this Commonwealth; and

13 WHEREAS, JA prepares students to be the workers, leaders and  
14 educated consumers of tomorrow with a message of hope and  
15 prosperity for the future; and

1       WHEREAS, Programs in JA help prepare the youth of this  
2 country for adulthood by showing them how to generate and  
3 effectively manage wealth, how to create jobs which make their  
4 communities more robust and how to apply entrepreneurial  
5 thinking to the workplace; and

6       WHEREAS, One of JA's workforce development programs is JA  
7 BizTown, a program designed to introduce 5th and 6th grade  
8 students in York, Scranton and Bridgeville to a wide range of  
9 careers through a mock town experiential learning facility and  
10 in-class instruction; and

11       WHEREAS, JA programs align with the Pennsylvania Department  
12 of Education's Career Education and Work Standards and Future  
13 Ready PA Index; and

14       WHEREAS, JA's blended online and in-class instruction  
15 learning programs have been funded the last three fiscal years  
16 through the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Job Training  
17 and Education Programs; and

18       WHEREAS, JA empowers young people to own their economic  
19 success; and

20       WHEREAS, JA believes in the boundless potential of young  
21 people, is committed to the principles of market-based economics  
22 and entrepreneurship and is passionate about achieving the  
23 program goals while practicing honesty, integrity and  
24 excellence; and

25       WHEREAS, JA respects the talents, creativity, perspectives  
26 and backgrounds of all individuals while believing in the power  
27 of partnership, collaboration and conviction in the educational  
28 and motivational impact of relevant hands-on learning; and

29       WHEREAS, JA sustains democratic principles by strengthening  
30 communities with proven programs that focus on work readiness,

1 entrepreneurship and financial literacy; and

2 WHEREAS, In 2019, JA of western Pennsylvania commemorates the  
3 80th anniversary of its founding as the first local area  
4 chapter; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize 2019 as  
6 the 80th anniversary of Junior Achievement in Pennsylvania; and  
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
9 Dennis Gilfoyle, President and CEO, Junior Achievement of  
10 Western Pennsylvania, 90 Emerson Lane, Suite 1403, Bridgeville,  
11 PA 15017.