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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 213 Session of  
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FARRY, MARSHALL, EVERETT, STURLA AND DEASY, APRIL 8, 2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 8, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2013 as "Pennsylvania Community  
2 College Month."

3 WHEREAS, For 50 years this Commonwealth's community colleges  
4 have provided accessible and affordable higher education, work  
5 force training and transfer opportunities for millions of  
6 Pennsylvania residents; and

7 WHEREAS, In the current year, the community colleges serve  
8 more than 429,000 students across 38 counties, and 98% of credit  
9 students are residents representing all Pennsylvania counties;

10 and

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

13 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer and support dual enrollment

1 of more than 11,900 high school students, representing half of  
2 this Commonwealth's school districts; and

3 WHEREAS, Community colleges serve nontraditional students,  
4 part-time students, dislocated workers and veterans in this  
5 Commonwealth and offer increased access through online education  
6 courses and programs, allowing students to build their academic  
7 credentials and certifications while maintaining their work  
8 schedules and family responsibilities; and

9 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer the most affordable pathway  
10 to the baccalaureate through more than 1,000 articulation  
11 agreements to ensure students seamlessly transition from the  
12 community college to a four-year degree with more than 33,600  
13 students transferring each year; and

14 WHEREAS, Ninety-one percent of community college graduates  
15 stay in Pennsylvania to live and work; and

16 WHEREAS, Community colleges continue to graduate students in  
17 many of the high-demand and high-growth industries vital to the  
18 State's economy, particularly in health care, public safety,  
19 manufacturing and energy; and

20 WHEREAS, Sixty percent of those credit programs are in the  
21 science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or the STEM  
22 fields; and

23 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer individualized credit and  
24 noncredit courses and programs that enhance the work force  
25 pipeline and stimulate this Commonwealth's economy; and

26 WHEREAS, Community colleges have developed 110 new or  
27 redesigned programs in response to regional needs of employers  
28 and work force trends; and

29 WHEREAS, More than 1,300 employers throughout this  
30 Commonwealth have contracted with community colleges to provide

1 training for more employees, and 45,500 employees have been  
2 trained by community colleges throughout the State; therefore be  
3 it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
5 month of April 2013 as "Pennsylvania Community College Month"  
6 and encourage all citizens to recognize, appreciate and support  
7 the contributions these institutions make to their communities  
8 and our Commonwealth.