
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MATZIE, BERNSTINE, CHRISTIANA AND MARSHALL,
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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Community College of Beaver County on the 50th
2 anniversary of its founding.

3 WHEREAS, During the 2016-2017 academic year, the Community
4 College of Beaver County (CCBC) is celebrating the 50th
5 anniversary of its founding; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1966, the initially titled "Beaver County
7 Community College" was created, with offices for the college
8 established in the town of Freedom; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1967, student enrollment began, and 100 acres of
10 farmland was purchased as the future site of CCBC; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1969, groundbreaking for the new community
12 college campus began, and in 1973 the Allied Health Center
13 building was dedicated on the campus; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1975, a unique geodesic dome was constructed that
15 became a widely recognized landmark known as the "Golden Dome,"
16 and is today titled the "CCBC Athletics and Events Center"; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1984, CCBC partnered with the Beaver County

1 Airport in the construction of a new air traffic control tower
2 to be operated by students of the school; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1990, the CCBC Aviation Sciences Center was
4 dedicated on the grounds of the airport, and this center is one
5 of the most respected in the nation; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1997, the Library Resource Center was completed
7 and opened, becoming the final new addition to the CCBC campus;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, In 2007, CCBC embarked on a major, three-year
10 project to renovate and update every building on campus to
11 include state-of-the-art classroom technology, meeting rooms and
12 offices; and

13 WHEREAS, CCBC seeks to offer new credentials in areas of
14 high-priority work force demand and to develop specialized
15 training to advance business, industrial, health care, human
16 services and other sector needs; and

17 WHEREAS, CCBC works to establish partnerships with
18 educational institutions, businesses and industries and
19 community organizations to provide students with a wide array of
20 opportunities that address regional, economic development, work
21 force and quality-of-life needs; and

22 WHEREAS, During the course of CCBC's history, approximately
23 9,000 students have earned degrees and certificates, and many
24 CCBC alumni are community leaders who are working and developing
25 small businesses in Beaver County; and

26 WHEREAS, For five decades, CCBC has been committed to serving
27 as a leader and an active partner in expanding educational
28 opportunities, promoting community development and shaping
29 economic growth in the southwestern Pennsylvania region; and

30 WHEREAS, In 2016, the Aspen Institute named CCBC as one of

1 the top 150 community colleges in the nation; therefore be it
2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the
3 Community College of Beaver County on the 50th anniversary of
4 its founding; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the
6 students, administrators, faculty, staff, board of trustees and
7 alumni of the Community College of Beaver County for their vital
8 contributions to Beaver County, the southwestern Pennsylvania
9 region and this Commonwealth.