

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BENNINGHOFF, ANDERSON, BERNSTINE, BRIGGS, CAUSER, COOPER, FLICK, GREINER, GUENST, K.HARRIS, HEFFLEY, MARCELL, MOUL, PICKETT, PUGH, RIVERA, SAMUELSON, STENDER, TWARDZIK, VENKAT, VITALI AND WENTLING, MARCH 11, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 11, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 19, 2025, as "The Pennsylvania State
2 University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON) Day" in
3 Pennsylvania and congratulating THON for raising more than
4 \$17 million for the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey
5 Children's Hospital to help fight pediatric cancer.

6 WHEREAS, THON is the commonly referred-to name for The
7 Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon,
8 the largest student-run philanthropy event in the world; and

9 WHEREAS, THON is a yearlong fundraising and awareness
10 campaign to fight pediatric cancer, sustained by more than
11 16,500 volunteers who donate more than 5 million hours of their
12 own time, that culminates in a 46-hour dance marathon in which
13 dancers are required to be continuously moving and not allowed
14 to sit or sleep; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1977, THON partnered with the Four Diamonds Fund
16 at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital and chose Four
17 Diamonds as the sole beneficiary of THON's fundraising efforts;
18 and

1 WHEREAS, Four Diamonds offsets the cost of treatment that
2 insurance does not cover, including medical and emotional
3 support to ensure that all of a child's needs are met, and
4 supports the medical team that cares for the children; and

5 WHEREAS, Four Diamonds funds pediatric cancer research
6 through start-up grants and the Four Diamonds Pediatric Cancer
7 Research Center and cares directly for 500 children with cancer,
8 100 of which are children who have been newly diagnosed; and

9 WHEREAS, Since 1977, THON has raised more than \$200 million
10 to help provide emotional and financial support to the children,
11 families, researchers and staff of the Four Diamonds Fund; and

12 WHEREAS, THON 2025 took place February 21 through 23, 2025,
13 at the Bryce Jordan Center at The Pennsylvania State University;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, THON 2025, A Home for Hope, revealed its total
16 fundraising amount of \$17,737,040.93, breaking THON's yearly
17 record for the fourth consecutive year; and

18 WHEREAS, THON has inspired similar events and organizations
19 across the United States, including at high schools and
20 institutions of higher education, and continues to encourage
21 students throughout the nation to volunteer and stay involved in
22 great charitable causes in their communities; and

23 WHEREAS, Since its introduction, THON has supported more than
24 4,000 children and families with childhood cancer and to this
25 day continues to enable research and improve treatments, cures
26 and benefits to ensure the cure of children with cancer around
27 the world; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
29 19, 2025, as "The Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic
30 Dance Marathon (THON) Day" in Pennsylvania and congratulate THON

1 on its continued success in support of the Four Diamonds Fund at
2 Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend The
4 Pennsylvania State University students, volunteers and
5 supporting organizations for their hard work in putting THON
6 together.