## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and recognizing Small Business Development Centers in
- 2 Pennsylvania for the valuable work provided to small
- 3 businesses in this Commonwealth.
- 4 WHEREAS, Small Business Development Centers, first
- 5 established in this Commonwealth in 1980, offer free consulting
- 6 services and educational classes to entrepreneurs and small
- 7 business owners using one-on-one interactions to provide
- 8 education and consultations with skilled professional staff; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Currently, Small Business Development Centers are
- 10 located on 18 university or college-based centers, with the lead
- 11 office located at Kutztown University and 90 support outreach
- 12 centers located across this Commonwealth; and
- 13 WHEREAS, From 2011 to 2019 Small Business Development Centers
- 14 assisted in the creation of 6,267 new businesses and more than
- 15 800,000 hours of consulting; and
- 16 WHEREAS, More than \$3.5 billion in sales have been realized
- 17 by businesses who have used the Small Business Development

- 1 Centers; and
- 2 WHEREAS, The centers are funded through a cooperative
- 3 agreement between the Federal Small Business Administration and
- 4 the Commonwealth, as well as donations from private citizens and
- 5 businesses; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Small Business Centers can continue to help small
- 7 businesses in this Commonwealth, the drivers of the economy, to
- 8 grow and foster new business; therefore be it
- 9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and
- 10 recognize the Small Business Development Centers in Pennsylvania
- 11 and their staff for the tremendous work they do in helping small
- 12 businesses and entrepreneurs across this Commonwealth.