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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 10, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Mark Nordenberg, Chancellor of the University of
2 Pittsburgh, for his many years of service to the university
3 and the Greater Pittsburgh region.

4 WHEREAS, Born in Minnesota, Chancellor Nordenberg first came
5 to the Steel City as a high school senior when his father's job
6 was transferred; and

7 WHEREAS, Although he eventually moved, Chancellor Nordenberg
8 came back to Pittsburgh and joined the faculty of the University
9 of Pittsburgh Law School in 1977; and

10 WHEREAS, Excelling in the classroom, Chancellor Nordenberg
11 was the first recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award, now
12 presented annually by the law school's graduating class; and

13 WHEREAS, Chancellor Nordenberg was one of the first
14 University of Pittsburgh faculty members to receive the

1 Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award, recognizing teaching
2 excellence university-wide; and

3 WHEREAS, Chancellor Nordenberg would eventually serve the
4 university in a number of different capacities, including Dean
5 of the School of Law, Interim Provost of the University and
6 Distinguished Service Professor; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1995, Chancellor Nordenberg was elected Interim
8 Chancellor by the university's board of trustees, and in 1996,
9 following a national search, was formally elected chancellor;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Last year, Chancellor Nordenberg announced that he
12 would step down in the summer of 2014, following 19 years in
13 this position; and

14 WHEREAS, Under Chancellor Nordenberg's tenure, enrollment has
15 increased by over 20%, SAT college entrance exam score
16 requirements have risen over 180 points and the university's
17 endowment has increased six-fold; and

18 WHEREAS, The University of Pittsburgh is among the nation's
19 leading producers of Fulbright Scholars, Boren Scholars,
20 Whitaker International Fellows, National Science Foundation
21 Fellows, Critical Language Scholars and Humanity in Action
22 Scholars; and

23 WHEREAS, The University of Pittsburgh now ranks fifth among
24 all American universities in Federal science and engineering
25 research and development support, obtained by members of its
26 faculty; and

27 WHEREAS, Chancellor Nordenberg has cultivated strong
28 partnerships with both the University of Pittsburgh Medical
29 Center and Carnegie Mellon University; and

30 WHEREAS, The University of Pittsburgh continues to be an

1 academic and economic powerhouse in western Pennsylvania; and
2 WHEREAS, Annually, more than \$1.3 billion in personal income
3 is generated in the region from over 30,000 University of
4 Pittsburgh-supported jobs; and

5 WHEREAS, In recognition of his many accomplishments,
6 Chancellor Nordenberg has received many awards including the
7 Homer S. Brown Law Association's Spirit Award, Community College
8 of Allegheny County's Legend in Leadership Award, the Pittsburgh
9 Area Jewish Committee's Community Impact Award and the Johnson
10 Institute for Responsible Leadership's Exemplary Leader Award;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Chancellor Nordenberg has also been named
13 Pittsburgh's Person of the Year by Pittsburgh Magazine and a
14 History Maker by the Senator John Heinz History Center; and

15 WHEREAS, Aside from his commitment to the university,
16 Chancellor Nordenberg has also been very active in the Greater
17 Pittsburgh region, including chairing a committee that examined
18 issues of leadership and governance in the Pittsburgh Public
19 Schools; and

20 WHEREAS, Chancellor Nordenberg has successfully led the
21 University of Pittsburgh for nearly two decades and will
22 continue to serve the community after he steps down as
23 Chancellor; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Chancellor
25 Mark Nordenberg for his many years of service to the University
26 of Pittsburgh and the Greater Pittsburgh region.