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Congratulating the Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon on its continued success in support of the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 6, 2013

Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon on its continued success in support of the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital.

Whereas the Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (commonly referred to as "THON") is the largest student-run philanthropy in the world, with 710 dancers, more than 15,000 volunteers, and more than 300 supporting organizations involved in the annual event;

Whereas student volunteers at the Pennsylvania State University annually raise money and dance for 46 consecutive hours at the Bryce Jordan Center, bringing energy and excitement to the Pennsylvania State University campus for the mission of conquering pediatric cancer

and promoting awareness of the disease to thousands of individuals;

Whereas all THON activities support the mission of the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital, which provides financial and emotional support to pediatric cancer patients and their families and funds research on pediatric cancer;

Whereas THON is the largest donor to the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital each year, having raised more than \$100,000,000 since 1977, when the 2 organizations first partnered;

Whereas, in 2013, THON set a new fundraising record of \$12,374,034.46, surpassing the previous record of \$10,686,924.83, set in 2012;

Whereas THON—

(1) has helped more than 2,000 families through the Four Diamonds Fund;

(2) is helping to build a new Pediatric Cancer Pavilion at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital; and

(3) has supported pediatric cancer research that has caused some pediatric cancer survival rates to increase to nearly 90 percent; and

Whereas THON has inspired similar organizations and events across the United States, including at high schools and institutions of higher education, and continues to encourage students across the United States to volunteer and remain involved in great charitable causes in their communities: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the Penn State IFC/Pan-

3 hellenic Dance Marathon (commonly referred to as

1 “THON”) on its continued success in support of the
2 Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Chil-
3 dren’s Hospital; and

4 (2) commends the Pennsylvania State Univer-
5 sity students, volunteers, and supporting organiza-
6 tions for their hard work in organizing another rec-
7 ordbreaking THON.

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