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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 346 Session of  
2024

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INTRODUCED BY BRIGGS, APRIL 10, 2024

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, APRIL 10, 2024

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STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION PROPERTY REQUEST  
NO. 1 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Authorizing the sale of property known as the former Philipsburg  
2 Elementary School located at 740-750 Orchard Street in the  
3 Borough of California, Washington County.

4 WHEREAS, On February 8, 2024, the Board of Governors of  
5 Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education (PASSHE)  
6 approved a request from Pennsylvania Western University,  
7 California Campus, of PASSHE to dispose of the property, subject  
8 to notification of and favorable resolution from the General  
9 Assembly; and

10 WHEREAS, The university acquired the property in 2009 with  
11 the intention of utilizing it as an educational facility; and

12 WHEREAS, The university has assessed the physical space as  
13 part of financial sustainability planning; and

14 WHEREAS, The facility is not in use and is not required for  
15 future university needs; and

16 WHEREAS, The property totals approximately 0.79 of an acre;  
17 and

1       WHEREAS, The building is a two-story former elementary school  
2 consisting of 17,680 square-foot; and

3       WHEREAS, The property is recorded in Washington County, Deed  
4 Instrument Number 200907997 of April 1, 2009, and titled to  
5 California University of Pennsylvania of the Pennsylvania State  
6 System of Higher Education, now recognized as Pennsylvania  
7 Western University, California Campus; and

8       WHEREAS, An appraisal of the property has been conducted with  
9 an estimated value of \$350,000; therefore be it

10       RESOLVED, That State System of Higher Education Property  
11 Request No. 1 of 2024, transmitted by the State System of Higher  
12 Education under section 2018-A of the act of March 10, 1949  
13 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, to the  
14 General Assembly under date of March 4, 2024, be approved by the  
15 House of Representatives authorizing the sale of property known  
16 as the former Philipsburg Elementary School located at 740-750  
17 Orchard Street in the Borough of California, Washington County.