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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 8, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Temple University Kornberg School of
2 Dentistry on its 150th anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, In the fall of 1862, Dr. John Hugh McQuillen
4 resigned from the position of chair of operative dentistry and
5 physiology at the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, the
6 only dental school in the State; and

7 WHEREAS, Seeing that for a population of a bit more than
8 500,000, only 114 men were practicing dentistry and of those
9 only 18 had degrees, Dr. McQuillen began preparations for a
10 second dental school in Philadelphia; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. McQuillen's vision that competition and expanded
12 study facilities would increase interest in dentistry locally
13 and even in the world, he persuaded the General Assembly to pass
14 enabling legislation to create the Philadelphia Dental College,

1 which legislation was signed by Governor Andrew Curtin on April
2 18, 1863; and

3 WHEREAS, Philadelphia Dental College began operations on the
4 first Monday in November 1863 and Dr. McQuillen served as Dean
5 with 11 students enrolled; and

6 WHEREAS, The first Annual Commencement of the Philadelphia
7 Dental College was held on February 29, 1864, and over the next
8 six years growth was so rapid that 100 students graduated,
9 making Philadelphia the country's center of dental education;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. McQuillen died suddenly at the age of 53 in
12 1879; and

13 WHEREAS, Under Dr. McQuillen's leadership Philadelphia Dental
14 College was recognized as a great center for dental education
15 throughout the world; and

16 WHEREAS, By the early 20th century, dental colleges had
17 started to become affiliated with universities, and Temple
18 University founder Dr. Russell H. Conwell encouraged the
19 association of the Philadelphia Dental College with Temple
20 University, and the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Dental
21 College voted for the affiliation which was formally recognized
22 in 1907; and

23 WHEREAS, Philadelphia Dental College officially became known
24 as Temple University School of Dentistry in 1913 and, after
25 World War II, began to look for a new location and settled on
26 the current North Broad Street location; and

27 WHEREAS, In 2007, in honor of Maurice Kornberg, a 1921
28 graduate of Temple Dental School, the school was renamed the
29 Temple University Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry; and

30 WHEREAS, One hundred fifty years ago, Dr. McQuillen's notion

1 of building a dental school with a more structured curriculum
2 teaching both the arts and sciences of dentistry came to life
3 and the pioneer school he founded, then known as the
4 Philadelphia Dental college, has influenced the lives of
5 millions, educating dentists from around the world and among
6 them new generations of pioneers who, in turn, brought
7 "American" dentistry to their homelands; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the 150th
9 anniversary of Temple University Maurice H. Kornberg School of
10 Dentistry; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Dean
12 Amid Ismail, BDS, MPH, MBA, DrPH, Dean, Maurice H. Kornberg
13 School of Dentistry, 3223 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA
14 19140.