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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 25, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 15, 2016, as "Trauma Registrars Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Each accredited trauma center in this Commonwealth
4 is required to have a trauma registrar; and

5 WHEREAS, The trauma registrar's primary role is to abstract
6 data into the trauma center's trauma registry, which is an
7 important management tool composed of a file of uniform data
8 elements that describe the injury, event, demographics,
9 prehospital information, diagnosis, care and outcomes and costs
10 of treatment of injured patients; and

11 WHEREAS, The trauma registrar also engages in other
12 processes, such as report generation, data analysis and research
13 assistance; and

14 WHEREAS, The trauma registrar is a vital and integral part of
15 the trauma team, the overall performance improvement process at

1 a trauma center and the public health; and

2 WHEREAS, Trauma registrars must abstract data in compliance
3 with the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation guidelines, as
4 well as the National Trauma Data Bank guidelines; and

5 WHEREAS, Trauma registrars come from diverse backgrounds,
6 including nursing, medical records, computer science and medical
7 informatics; and

8 WHEREAS, Trauma registrars must be continuous learners and
9 attend courses such as the American Trauma Society's Trauma
10 Registrar Course or an equivalent provided by a state trauma
11 program and the Association of the Advancement of Automotive
12 Medicine's Injury Scaling Course; and

13 WHEREAS, A certifying examination is available through the
14 sponsorship of the American Trauma Society's Registrar
15 Certification Board, leading to the designation of certified
16 specialist in trauma registries; and

17 WHEREAS, It is important to acknowledge that high-quality
18 data begins with high-quality data entry and it is the trauma
19 registrar who is responsible for performing this task;
20 therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 15,
22 2016, as "Trauma Registrars Day" in Pennsylvania.