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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Camp Letterman.

2 WHEREAS, In July 1863, an official United States general
3 hospital was ordered to be opened in Gettysburg on land owned by
4 George Wolf and located approximately one and one-half miles
5 east of Gettysburg; and

6 WHEREAS, The general hospital, which was the first to be
7 placed on the Gettysburg battlefield, was named Camp Letterman
8 after Dr. Jonathan Letterman, the medical director of the Army
9 of the Potomac; and

10 WHEREAS, Established near a railroad station for ease of
11 movement of incoming medical supplies and wounded soldiers, Camp
12 Letterman was located on what is now the York Pike and was the
13 largest field hospital in North America; and

14 WHEREAS, The hospital was established to treat both Union and
15 Confederate soldiers who were unable to be transferred to other
16 general hospitals; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Henry Janes was in charge of the general

1 hospital and kept careful notes about each patient treated; and
2 WHEREAS, The camp remained open and treated soldiers until
3 November 20, 1863; and
4 WHEREAS, The camp treated more than 4,000 patients; and
5 WHEREAS, Three hundred sixty-five soldiers, forty of whom
6 resided in this Commonwealth, died at Camp Letterman; and
7 WHEREAS, In 1864, the Union soldiers buried at the camp were
8 removed and reburied in Gettysburg National Cemetery; and
9 WHEREAS, In the 1870s, the remains of the Confederate
10 soldiers were removed and reburied in the South; therefore be it
11 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor Camp Letterman.