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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, OCTOBER 2, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center's  
2 50th anniversary on October 14, 2020; and recognizing the  
3 health care workers at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey  
4 Medical Center who deliver safe and compassionate health care  
5 services that improve the health and quality of life for  
6 residents of the central Pennsylvania region.

7 WHEREAS, In 1963, Samuel L. Hinkle, former president and  
8 chairman of the Hershey Chocolate Corporation, contacted Dr.  
9 Eric E. Walker, former president of Penn State University, to  
10 discuss the establishment of a medical school and teaching  
11 hospital in Hershey, Pennsylvania; and

12 WHEREAS, The M.S. Hershey Foundation gave a \$50 million gift  
13 to Penn State University for the project, which combined with  
14 the \$21.3 million received from the United States Public Health  
15 Service allowed Penn State University to build Penn State Health  
16 Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and Penn State College of  
17 Medicine; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1966, construction began for Penn State Health  
19 Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and Penn State College of

1 Medicine; and

2 WHEREAS, Penn State College of Medicine opened its doors to  
3 the first class of students in 1967, awarded its first degree in  
4 1969 and graduated its first full class during 1971; and

5 WHEREAS, The Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical  
6 Center accepted its first patient on October 14, 1970; and

7 WHEREAS, During the last 50 years, Penn State Health Milton  
8 S. Hershey Medical Center has been a pioneer in health care  
9 delivery, clinical innovation and medical research; and

10 WHEREAS, Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center  
11 has been on the leading-edge of health care innovation,  
12 including the accomplishment of all of the following health care  
13 milestones:

14 (1) The development of the world's first artificial  
15 heart.

16 (2) The establishment of the nation's first Department  
17 of Family Medicine and Department of Humanities.

18 (3) The discovery of vaccine testing, which has led to  
19 the development of the cervical cancer vaccine.

20 (4) Leading the use of clinical simulation.

21 (5) Recently, becoming 1 of approximately 100 hospitals  
22 internationally participating in an ongoing study of the  
23 investigational antiviral drug remdesivir for treatment of  
24 COVID-19;

25 and

26 WHEREAS, Penn State College of Medicine received more than  
27 \$102 million in research funding for fiscal year 2020, with \$70  
28 million from the National Institutes of Health, the highest  
29 amount of funding provided by the National Institutes of Health  
30 in a year to date; and

1       WHEREAS, Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center,  
2 with 564 beds, is recognized as one of the nation's premier  
3 academic health care centers, providing high-level and patient-  
4 focused medical care; and

5       WHEREAS, The Hershey campus includes all of the following:

6           (1) Penn State Children's Hospital, the region's only  
7 children's hospital.

8           (2) Institutes focused on cancer, heart and vascular  
9 disease and the neurosciences.

10          (3) Penn State College of Medicine;

11 and

12       WHEREAS, Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center  
13 has the only Level 1 Trauma Center for both adult and pediatric  
14 patients in this Commonwealth, which has served more than 1.2  
15 million people; and

16       WHEREAS, Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center  
17 and Penn State College of Medicine employ more than 11,000  
18 people, including 1,100 physicians and health care providers and  
19 2,288 nurses; and

20       WHEREAS, Through the efforts of thousands of staff, faculty  
21 and students, Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center  
22 and Penn State College of Medicine have built upon the legacy of  
23 Milton S. Hershey and expanded substantially the reach of Penn  
24 State University by improving the health and the quality of life  
25 of this Commonwealth and our nation; therefore be it

26       RESOLVED, That the Senate celebrate Penn State Health Milton  
27 S. Hershey Medical Center's 50th anniversary on October 14,  
28 2020; and be it further

29       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the health care workers  
30 at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, who

1 deliver safe and compassionate health care services that improve  
2 the health and quality of life for residents of the central  
3 Pennsylvania region.