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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 6, 1993, as "National Physician Assistant  
2 Day."

3 WHEREAS, On Wednesday, October 6, 1993, the physician  
4 assistants of Clearfield, Jefferson, Elk, Potter, McKean and  
5 Clinton counties, along with their peers throughout the country,  
6 will commemorate the 26th anniversary of the graduation of the  
7 first physician assistants; and

8 WHEREAS, The American Academy of Physician Assistants  
9 established "National Physician Assistant Day" in 1987 as a way  
10 to honor physician assistants for their dedication and the  
11 quality care they provide to Americans across the country; and

12 WHEREAS, The profession of physician assistant was created as  
13 a way to utilize in our country, which was already experiencing  
14 a lack of adequate health services in the 1960's, the medical  
15 skills acquired by military medical corpsmen during the Vietnam  
16 War; and

17 WHEREAS, A physician assistant undergoes a rigorous

1 educational program at an accredited medical college or  
2 university and, upon certification, is then able to provide  
3 almost 80% of those services that have been traditionally  
4 performed by physicians in such areas as internal medicine,  
5 family medicine, pediatrics, geriatrics, obstetrics and  
6 gynecology. These services are provided under the supervision of  
7 a physician; and

8 WHEREAS, Physician assistants can be found in all  
9 communities. In many rural areas, the physician assistant is  
10 often the only provider of health care, conferring with other  
11 medical providers and supervisors as they administer treatment;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Because the use of physician assistants has proven  
14 to be a cost-effective tool in providing Americans with quality  
15 health care, Congress has been requested to provide a funding  
16 increase of 80% so that more committed individuals are able to  
17 obtain the training needed to enter this rapidly growing  
18 profession; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October  
20 6, 1993, as "National Physician Assistants Day."