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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 24, 2002, as "World TB Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, On March 22, 1882, Robert Koch announced his  
3 discovery of the tuberculosis bacillus, paving the way for the  
4 control and potential elimination of this disease; and

5 WHEREAS, Around the turn of the 20th century tuberculosis  
6 raged in the United States and Europe, killing one in seven  
7 people; and

8 WHEREAS, Effective antituberculosis drugs did not appear  
9 until the 1950s; and

10 WHEREAS, Since Koch's discovery in 1882, over 200 million  
11 people around the world have died of tuberculosis, and each year

1 the disease kills between 2 to 3 million people; and

2 WHEREAS, Poor treatment practices and inadequate tuberculosis  
3 control activities contribute to the global spread of this  
4 infectious disease; and

5 WHEREAS, Tuberculosis is a leading killer of women and kills  
6 more youths and adults than any other infectious disease; and

7 WHEREAS, Tuberculosis is easily prevented and inexpensively  
8 treated if caught early; however, if left untreated, one person  
9 with tuberculosis will, on the average, infect 10 to 15 people  
10 per year; and

11 WHEREAS, Tuberculosis has become a deadly fellow traveler  
12 with AIDS, with each disease speeding up the progress of the  
13 other; and

14 WHEREAS, Persons who are HIV-positive are 30 times more  
15 likely to become sick with tuberculosis than persons who are  
16 HIV-negative; and

17 WHEREAS, Tuberculosis continues to be a public health problem  
18 in many locations in Pennsylvania; and

19 WHEREAS, "World TB Day" has become a major international  
20 health event and a worldwide call to action for improved  
21 treatment and prevention of tuberculosis; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2002 the United Nations again observes the event;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, There is renewed interest and hope in defeating  
25 tuberculosis; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March  
27 24, 2002, as "World TB Day" in Pennsylvania.