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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 7 through May 13, 2007, as "Juror
2 Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For more than 200 years, Americans have benefited
4 from the protection offered by the right to trial by jury
5 guaranteed by the Bill of Rights in the Constitution of the
6 United States; and

7 WHEREAS, Since the Bill of Rights was ratified in December
8 1791, the jury has acted as an unbiased finder of truth and the
9 most elemental representative body of all citizens and thus has
10 played a pivotal role in balancing the scales of justice,
11 equalizing the rights of the poor and powerless with the
12 privileges of the rich and powerful, nullifying unjust laws,
13 securing other allowed rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights
14 and, most importantly, extending and preserving democracy; and

15 WHEREAS, Every year over 66,055 Pennsylvanians serve as
16 jurors in both civil and criminal trials; and

17 WHEREAS, Only when citizens support the jury system and

1 appear when summoned can this pillar of our democracy fully
2 protect the rights of all citizens; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of May 7 through
4 May 13, 2007, as "Juror Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.