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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 433 Session of  
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MARSICO, HARHAI, D. COSTA, MAHONEY, SCHWEYER, MAJOR,  
SAMUELSON, WARD, PETRI, PHILLIPS-HILL, WATSON, GINGRICH,  
DONATUCCI AND TOOHIL, AUGUST 10, 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
AUGUST 10, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring community health centers for providing quality and  
2 affordable primary and preventive health care services for 50  
3 years.

4 WHEREAS, Community health centers, also known as federally  
5 qualified health centers, were nationally founded in 1965 and  
6 this Commonwealth welcomed its first health center to Pittsburgh  
7 in 1968; and

8 WHEREAS, It is the mission of all community health centers to  
9 provide primary medical, dental and behavioral health services  
10 to all individuals regardless of their income or access to  
11 insurance; and

12 WHEREAS, Community health centers are the largest network of  
13 primary care providers serving vulnerable residents of this  
14 Commonwealth in need of primary care; and

15 WHEREAS, Community health centers can only be established in

1 communities that lack access to primary care or have significant  
2 poverty rates; and

3 WHEREAS, Community health centers provide primary care  
4 services through their dedicated health-professional employees  
5 and the team-based approach they take to effective patient-  
6 centered primary care; and

7 WHEREAS, Community health centers are nonprofit organizations  
8 directed by their community majority-based board of directors to  
9 be reflective of the community and patients they serve; and

10 WHEREAS, Community health centers provide primary care to  
11 more than 700,000 patients Statewide; and

12 WHEREAS, Community health centers have expanded their  
13 services to more than 250 sites serving patients in 49 rural and  
14 urban counties of this Commonwealth; and

15 WHEREAS, Community health centers have demonstrated the  
16 ability to serve more individuals challenged by social  
17 determinants of health, such as poverty, and with complex  
18 medical conditions in a highly effective and cost-efficient  
19 manner; and

20 WHEREAS, Community health centers are highly transparent by  
21 providing clinical outcome measures to the public over multiple  
22 years; and

23 WHEREAS, Community health centers have led health care  
24 industry standards by having a majority of them attain Patient-  
25 Centered Medical Home recognition and implementing electronic  
26 health records to better serve their patients; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor community  
28 health centers for providing quality primary care to residents  
29 of this Commonwealth for 50 years; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to

1 Pennsylvania Association of Community Health Centers, 1035 Mumma  
2 Road, Suite 1, Wormleysburg, PA 17043.