A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 10 through May 16, 2020, as
2 "National Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania.
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4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals and health systems ensure
5 that health care services are available in this Commonwealth 24
6 hours a day, seven days a week, providing acute inpatient care
7 as well as outpatient, emergency, behavioral health,
8 rehabilitation, long-term and home care services; and
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10 WHEREAS, Specialized hospital care is provided by
11 Pennsylvania's 41 trauma centers, seven burn centers and the 15
12 critical access hospitals that provide care for the most rural
13 populations in this Commonwealth; and
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15 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to seven medical degree-
16 granting medical schools and 289 nursing programs, as well as
17 numerous academic medical centers and teaching hospitals that
18 train future health care providers and invest in critical health
research; and

WHEREAS, "National Hospital Week" dates back to 1921, in Chicago, as an event to build trust during the Spanish influenza outbreak; and

WHEREAS, The celebration serves as a reminder that hospitals are foundations of the communities that built them and serve people from all walks of life in every community; and

WHEREAS, "National Hospital Week" celebrates hospitals and the women and men who support the health of their communities through dedication and compassionate care; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals today are multidimensional organizations that partner with many other organizations in their communities to offer care with a focus on population health, prevention and wellness; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals provide free care to those who have no health care insurance or inadequate insurance coverage, providing nearly $764.8 million in uncompensated care during 2018; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals contributed more than $136.1 billion to this Commonwealth's economy during 2018; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania hospitals are among the leading employers in their communities and provide approximately 654,000 total jobs, directly and indirectly; and

WHEREAS, In 2020 hospitals have served as our front line defense in this Commonwealth's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 10 through 16, 2020, as "National Hospital Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge its members
to visit the hospitals in their communities to learn about the
innovative, quality care and services that are improving the
health and quality of life for residents of this Commonwealth.