A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 9 through 15, 2021, as "Skilled Nursing Care Week" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, Established by the American Health Care Association in 1967 and always beginning on Mother's Day, "National Skilled Nursing Care Week" provides an opportunity for residents and their loved ones, staff, volunteers and surrounding communities to recognize the role of skilled nursing care centers in caring for America's seniors and individuals with disabilities; and

3 WHEREAS, Approximately 112,000 nurses and staff work in more than 690 skilled nursing care facilities that care for more than 64,000 residents in this Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is stronger because we honor and respect our elders, and residents of any age with physical or intellectual disabilities, who reside at a skilled nursing or post-acute care center throughout this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, These residents bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to their increasingly active roles in today's society,
and their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, Every skilled nursing care center embodies a unique and vibrant spirit and community for residents, volunteers and staff alike; and

WHEREAS, Acts of kindness, generosity and compassion from proud veterans, immigrants and hardworking people of different faiths fill each center; and

WHEREAS, Over the past year, despite the challenges of the pandemic, skilled care centers and their staff have shown an incredible and steadfast commitment to providing quality care and ensuring the safety of their residents; and

WHEREAS, During "National Skilled Nursing Care Week," skilled nursing care centers are uniting under the theme "Together Through the Seasons" to honor the collaborative commitment of skilled nursing care facilities and their staff in providing compassionate care to their residents during this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Nurses and staff at skilled nursing care facilities are on the front lines in caring for and protecting one of this Commonwealth's most vulnerable populations through unprecedented times; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of May 9 through 15, 2021, as "Skilled Nursing Care Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Senate celebrate and acknowledge the:

(1) accomplishments and hard work of the staff of skilled nursing care facilities in Pennsylvania and across the United States; and

(2) resiliency of staff and patients alike at skilled care

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nursing care facilities across this Commonwealth and the United States throughout the COVID-19 crisis.