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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Philadelphia Museum of Art as the 2002  
2 Commonwealth Treasure of the Pennsylvania Historical and  
3 Museum Commission.

4 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Museum of Art, located in the City  
5 of Philadelphia, has been recognized nationally and  
6 internationally as one of the world's most important and admired  
7 museums; and

8 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Museum of Art, opened in 1877,  
9 stands as the physical expression of Pennsylvania's most  
10 ambitious cultural aspirations; and

11 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Museum of Art, considered by many  
12 to be one of the finest museums in the United States, serves to  
13 display, preserve and interpret a collection of more than  
14 300,000 works of art for the citizens of this Commonwealth, our  
15 nation and the world; and

16 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Museum of Art serves more than  
17 850,000 visitors annually from all over the world and serves  
18 countless others by sharing its collections with museums and

1 historical organizations throughout the world through loans and  
2 touring exhibitions; and

3 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Museum of Art's current building,  
4 opened in 1928, has become a world-renowned landmark in the City  
5 of Philadelphia; and

6 WHEREAS, The Greek Revival architecture of the museum  
7 dominates the skyline on the western edge of the city and the  
8 banks of the Schuylkill River; and

9 WHEREAS, This highly visible site embodies many complex  
10 layers of meaning and significance that the museum and its  
11 priceless collections hold for the community, this Commonwealth  
12 and everyone interested in human creativity; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the Philadelphia Museum  
14 of Art as the 2002 Commonwealth Treasure of the Pennsylvania  
15 Historical and Museum Commission and honor this truly  
16 outstanding historically and culturally significant site worthy  
17 of this designation.