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OCTOBER 11, 2000

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of November 5 through 11, 2000, as
2 "National Radiologic Technology Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Radiology involves many areas of medicine and
4 physics; and

5 WHEREAS, The production of ionizing radiation and its safe
6 diagnostic and therapeutic use are the basis of the profession;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Since its discovery in 1885 by Wilhelm Conrad
9 Roentgen, remarkable advancements in medical imaging have
10 occurred with the passing of each decade; and

11 WHEREAS, The diagnostic ultrasound entered the imaging arena
12 in the 1960s and was soon followed by Computed Tomography (CAT
13 scans) in the 1970s and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and
14 Digital Radiography (DR) in the 1980s; and

1 WHEREAS, The 1990s were highlighted by advancements in
2 angiographic and interventional procedures and mammography,
3 along with the development of Picture Archiving and
4 Communication Systems (PACS) within radiology departments; and

5 WHEREAS, While medical benefits of ionizing radiation are
6 indisputable, the controlled use of radiation is also equally
7 important due to medical x-rays constituting the largest source
8 of manmade ionizing radiation; and

9 WHEREAS, Radiographers have a responsibility in reducing
10 radiation dosage to patients and personnel; and

11 WHEREAS, Imaging professionals must complete prescribed
12 academic courses, obtain clinical skills and pass the national
13 certification examination given by the American Registry of
14 Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) for qualifying imaging at the
15 least possible exposure to be achieved; and

16 WHEREAS, The number of radiological technicians in
17 Pennsylvania exceeds 13,000 ARRT primary certifications and
18 totals over 18,000 certifications which include both primary and
19 advanced standing status; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
21 week of November 5 through 11, 2000, as "National Radiologic
22 Technology Week" in Pennsylvania.