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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 23 through 27, 2016, as "Juror  
2 Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For nearly 225 years, Americans have benefited from  
4 the protection offered by the right to trial by an impartial  
5 jury guaranteed by the Sixth Amendment to the Constitution of  
6 the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, Since the Bill of Rights, which includes the Sixth  
8 Amendment, was ratified in December 1791, the jury has acted as  
9 an unbiased finder of truth and the most representative body of  
10 citizens in our justice system; and

11 WHEREAS, The jury has played a pivotal role in balancing the  
12 scales of justice, equalizing the rights of the poor and  
13 powerless with the privileges of the rich and powerful, securing  
14 other allowed rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights and, most  
15 importantly, extending and preserving democracy; and

16 WHEREAS, Every year more than 225,000 Pennsylvanians report  
17 for jury duty and more than 60,000 serve as jurors in both civil

1 and criminal trials; and

2 WHEREAS, Only when citizens support the jury system and  
3 appear when summoned can this pillar of our democracy fully  
4 protect the rights of all citizens; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of May 23  
6 through 27, 2016, as "Juror Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.