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MARCH 21, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 6 through 12, 2001, as "Juror
2 Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For more than 200 years, Americans have benefited
4 from the protection offered by the right to trial by jury
5 guaranteed by the Bill of Rights in the Constitution of the
6 United States; and

7 WHEREAS, Since the Bill of Rights was ratified in December
8 1791, the jury has acted as an unbiased finder of truth and the
9 most elemental representative body of all citizens and thus has
10 played a pivotal role in balancing the scales of justice,
11 equalizing the rights of the poor and powerless with the
12 privileges of the rich and powerful, nullifying unjust laws,

1 securing other allowed rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights
2 and, most importantly, extending and preserving democracy; and

3 WHEREAS, Every year over 74,000 Pennsylvanians serve as
4 jurors in both civil and criminal trials; and

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

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
9 week of May 6 through 12, 2001, as "Juror Appreciation Week" in
10 Pennsylvania.