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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 7, 2007, as "Patient Advocate Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Access to health care is a basic human need and a  
4 shared societal responsibility; and

5 WHEREAS, A patient who cannot access medical treatment or  
6 survive the financial hardship of illness is one patient too  
7 many; and

8 WHEREAS, A patient who receives a serious diagnosis should be  
9 able to have relevant clinical information, empowerment within  
10 the medical care system, timely and sustained medical care and  
11 intervention, an ability to efficiently and effectively make  
12 well-informed and independent decisions and the benefit of

1 appropriate support which removes barriers to care and  
2 empowerment; and

3 WHEREAS, The complexity of ensuring health care for all  
4 persons in need challenges society to find and create solutions  
5 to the problem of nonavailability of health care; and

6 WHEREAS, The continuous, comprehensive, cooperative and  
7 collaborative action of government, private industry, health  
8 care providers and citizens can and must surmount this  
9 challenge; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 7,  
11 2007, as "Patient Advocate Day" in Pennsylvania.