THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 1, 2007

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

- 1 well-informed and independent decisions and the benefit of
- 2 appropriate support which removes barriers to care and
- 3 empowerment; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The complexity of ensuring health care for all
- 5 persons in need challenges society to find and create solutions
- 6 to the problem of nonavailability of health care; and
- WHEREAS, The continuous, comprehensive, cooperative and
- 8 collaborative action of government, private industry, health
- 9 care providers and citizens can and must surmount this
- 10 challenge; therefore be it
- 11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 7,
- 12 2007, as "Patient Advocate Day" in Pennsylvania.