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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Pennsylvania's community blood banks for providing  
2 invaluable services to the residents of this Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's community blood banks are not-for-  
4 profit, community-based blood programs, committed to providing a  
5 quality blood supply, responsive to community needs, in a cost-  
6 effective manner; and

7 WHEREAS, Each year, more than 4,500,000 Americans need a  
8 blood transfusion, and for most, the need is urgent and  
9 lifesaving; and

10 WHEREAS, One out of three people needs donated blood in their  
11 lifetime, and one out of seven hospital patients needs a blood  
12 transfusion; and

13 WHEREAS, It is the blood available on a daily basis that  
14 saves lives, and volunteer blood donors are required every day

1 to meet patient needs and to be immediately available in times  
2 of disaster; and

3 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's community blood banks strive to  
4 maintain a sufficient blood supply, an urgent task because blood  
5 components must be constantly rotated as a result of blood's  
6 short 42-day shelf life; and

7 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's community blood banks are  
8 affiliated with the United States largest networks of community-  
9 based, federally licensed, not-for-profit blood centers; and

10 WHEREAS, Members of these networks serve more than 150  
11 million people and operate more than 600 collection sites,  
12 collecting a significant amount of the blood supply of the  
13 United States; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
15 role of this Commonwealth's community blood banks for their  
16 invaluable services in providing lifesaving blood to local  
17 patients, ensuring the safety of that blood supply and promoting  
18 essential blood donor initiatives; acknowledge the efforts made  
19 by this Commonwealth's community blood banks to promote and  
20 protect the safety and adequacy of blood components provided to  
21 patients; and recognize the need to promote a stable blood  
22 supply and increase volunteer participation of blood donors.