
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH
7, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2011 as "Certified Athletic
2 Trainer Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Certified athletic trainers (ATCs) are medical
4 professionals who specialize in the prevention, assessment,
5 treatment and rehabilitation of injuries and illnesses that
6 occur to athletes and the physically active; and

7 WHEREAS, Each certified athletic trainer works under the
8 direction of a licensed physician and in cooperation with other
9 health care professionals; and

10 WHEREAS, Parents and school administrators are discovering
11 the benefits an ATC can offer in preventing and caring for
12 injuries sustained in athletic activity, and the American
13 Medical Association recommends that ATCs be in every high
14 school; and

15 WHEREAS, ATCs have long been present at colleges and

1 universities, especially in their athletic programs; and

2 WHEREAS, In professional sports, ATCs work year-round,
3 conditioning and rehabilitating athletes; and

4 WHEREAS, Each branch of the United States Armed Forces is
5 increasing the use of ATCs as part of the health care team for
6 active-duty injuries, at base fitness and wellness centers and
7 in new recruit and pre-enlistment readiness programs; and

8 WHEREAS, ATCs are a key component of the health care team
9 caring for persons with workplace injuries, particularly in the
10 orthopedic and musculoskeletal disciplines; and

11 WHEREAS, Accredited undergraduate education programs in
12 athletic training include injury and illness prevention, first
13 aid, emergency care, human anatomy and physiology, therapeutic
14 modalities and nutrition, and more than 70% of ATCs hold an
15 advanced degree; and

16 WHEREAS, The month of March is National Brain Injury
17 Awareness Month, and ATCs are becoming increasingly astute to
18 the need for brain injury awareness among coaches and athletes
19 and are on the front line of the assessment of brain injuries;
20 therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
22 month of March 2011 as "Certified Athletic Trainer Month" in
23 Pennsylvania.