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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Scott Mackler, a professor at the  
2 University of Pennsylvania, who died on November 13, 2013,  
3 after battling Lou Gehrig's disease for 15 years.

4 WHEREAS, Scott Mackler, age 55, a longtime professor at the  
5 University of Pennsylvania, died on November 13, 2013, after  
6 battling Lou Gehrig's disease, medically known as amyotrophic  
7 lateral sclerosis, for 15 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Mackler was a pioneering addiction researcher  
9 and physician, who earned all four of his academic degrees at  
10 the University of Pennsylvania; and

11 WHEREAS, Lou Gehrig's disease left Mr. Mackler confined to a  
12 wheelchair, unable to speak or move any of his muscles; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Mackler could only communicate by shifting his  
14 eyes slightly to the left or right, indicating letter-by-letter  
15 what he was trying to spell out; and

1       WHEREAS, Born in 1958, Mr. Mackler grew up in Bloomfield, New  
2 Jersey; and

3       WHEREAS, Despite his condition, Mr. Mackler kept up an active  
4 research life, continuing to direct his ground floor lab at the  
5 John Morgan Building until his death; and

6       WHEREAS, Mr. Mackler often said continuing to be an active  
7 member of the scientific community was second only to being a  
8 good father and husband; and

9       WHEREAS, Mr. Mackler had a paper published in the journal  
10 "Neuroscience," which focused on the role that NAC1, a protein  
11 that Mackler discovered in 1996, plays in the development of  
12 Parkinson's disease; and

13       WHEREAS, Mr. Mackler's story was featured on CBS News' "60  
14 Minutes" in 2008; and

15       WHEREAS, Scott Mackler is survived by his wife, Lynn; two  
16 sons, Alexander and Noah; daughter-in-law, Laura; and brother  
17 and sister, Harvey and Randi; therefore be it

18       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life of  
19 Scott Mackler, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania,  
20 who died on November 13, 2013, after battling Lou Gehrig's  
21 disease for 15 years.