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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the physician assistant profession.
- 3 WHEREAS, Quality, affordable and accessible patient-centered
- 4 health care, provided by physician assistants, contributes to
- 5 the well-being and quality of life of all patients in this
- 6 Commonwealth; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Physician assistants practice in all settings and
- 8 specialties, including the diagnosis and treatment of disease,
- 9 assisting in surgery and prescribing medications; and
- 10 WHEREAS, A valuable asset to the medical team, physician
- 11 assistants enhance the delivery of high-quality health care for
- 12 patients, often in medically underserved and rural areas; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Physician assistants have been improving patient
- 14 outcomes and moving health care forward since the creation of
- 15 the profession in 1967; and
- 16 WHEREAS, For 50 years, physician assistants have earned the

- 1 trust of the general public for their dedication and
- 2 contributions to patients' lives; and
- 3 WHEREAS, For the next 50 years and beyond, physician
- 4 assistants will continue to work within the health care team to
- 5 make our health care system more effective, more efficient and
- 6 accessible while providing increased quality to patients;
- 7 therefore be it
- 8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
- 9 50th anniversary of the physician assistant profession; and be
- 10 it further
- 11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
- 12 Pennsylvania residents to recognize physician assistants for the
- 13 significant impact they have made and the top-notch health care
- 14 they have provided over the past five decades.