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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 817 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY SAYLOR, BARBIN, BARRAR, BOBACK, R. BROWN, BURNS,  
CORBIN, SCHLEGEL CULVER, DAY, DEAN, DIGIROLAMO, DRISCOLL,  
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MURT, NEILSON, PASHINSKI, PICKETT, QUIGLEY, READSHAW,  
ROTHMAN, RYAN, SAINATO, SCHLOSSBERG, SONNEY, WARD, WARREN,  
WATSON AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 9, 2018

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 9, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Dental  
2 Association.

3 WHEREAS, In July 1868, a convention of dentists was held at  
4 Lititz Springs, sparking the idea of forming a State dental  
5 society; and

6 WHEREAS, In December 1868, a convention of delegates met in  
7 Philadelphia to establish the Pennsylvania State Dental Society;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Dental Society changed its  
10 name to the Pennsylvania Dental Association in 1958; and

11 WHEREAS, The purpose of the Pennsylvania Dental Association  
12 is to "serve the public, improve their health, promote the art  
13 and science of dentistry and represent the interests of its  
14 members and the people they serve"; and

15 WHEREAS, Members of the Pennsylvania Dental Association are

1 dedicated to its mission to promote dental care for the public,  
2 improve the availability of dental care for all residents of  
3 this Commonwealth, speak authoritatively and responsibly on  
4 behalf of the public to governmental bodies and educate the  
5 public about the prevention of oral disease and promote good  
6 oral health; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Dental Association members provide  
8 millions in donated care through programs that improve access to  
9 dental care in this Commonwealth, including MOM-n-PA, Donated  
10 Dental Services, Give Kids a Smile and "National Children's  
11 Dental Health Month"; and

12 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Dental Association strives to work  
13 with policymakers at the Federal, State and local levels to  
14 enact policies aimed at creating a strong and viable dental  
15 delivery system that improves access to quality dental care for  
16 all residents; and

17 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Dental Association is at the  
18 forefront of advocating for the adoption of best practices to  
19 ensure patient safety; and

20 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Dental Association is celebrating  
21 its 150th anniversary April 27 through 28, 2018, in Hershey, to  
22 raise awareness of the dental profession and the importance of  
23 oral health as integral to overall health and well-being;  
24 therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the  
26 150th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Dental Association and  
27 commend its members for advocating for patients, providing  
28 quality oral health care to residents of this Commonwealth and  
29 strengthening the economy of our communities; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to

1 the Pennsylvania Dental Association.