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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 30, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 30, 2019, as "Life Sciences Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has a rich history of research and
4 innovation, including being home to the nation's first hospital,
5 medical school and college of pharmacy; and

6 WHEREAS, Many of the world's greatest medical breakthroughs
7 have come from research conducted in this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, Vaccines for blood-based hepatitis B, rubella,
9 rotavirus and polio, the first FDA-approved gene therapy for a
10 genetic disease, as well as the first simultaneous heart, liver
11 and kidney transplant were all developed in this Commonwealth,
12 fundamentally reshaping health care and improving the lives of
13 millions of people worldwide; and

14 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has geographic access to
15 regulatory agencies in Washington, DC, and financial markets in
16 New York City and unique talent from its numerous higher
17 education institutions; and

18 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has a remarkable legacy of

1 innovative leaders such as Dr. M. Stephen "Doc" Heilman, the
2 late Dr. Jonas Salk, Dr. Hubert J.P. Schoemaker and Frank
3 Baldino, Jr., Ph.D.; and

4 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is home to two of the top five
5 recipients of National Institutes of Health funding research
6 institutions, the University of Pennsylvania and the University
7 of Pittsburgh, as well as the nation's largest research
8 institution dedicated to women's health and reproductive
9 biologies, Magee-Women's Research Institute; and

10 WHEREAS, The life sciences industry is a cornerstone of this
11 Commonwealth's economic future, directly employing 112,000
12 workers with an economic impact from wages alone totaling \$11
13 billion and total industry annual impact of over \$88 billion;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is uniquely positioned as the home
16 of a diverse and robust life sciences ecosystem in one location
17 through seed capital, discovery research, emerging industry,
18 contract laboratory organizations, medical devices and
19 diagnostics companies, mature biopharmaceutical industry and
20 global pharmaceuticals; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
22 30, 2019, as "Life Sciences Day" in this Commonwealth and
23 encourage all Pennsylvanians to learn more about this exciting,
24 vibrant and innovative industry.