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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 29, 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 have
8 fundamentally reshaped health care and improved lives for
9 millions of people worldwide, including vaccines against blood-
10 based hepatitis B, rubella, rotavirus and polio, as well as the
11 first simultaneous heart, liver and kidney transplant; and

12 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has geographic access to
13 regulatory agencies in Washington, DC, and financial markets in
14 New York City, as well as unique talent from its numerous higher
15 educational institutions; and

16 WHEREAS, Researchers and executives in this Commonwealth's
17 numerous higher education institutions emulate the remarkable

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

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

10 WHEREAS, The life sciences industry is a cornerstone of this
11 Commonwealth's economic future, directly employing more than
12 110,000 workers, with an economic impact from wages alone
13 totaling \$11 billion and a total industry annual impact of more
14 than \$88 billion; 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 Senate designate April 30, 2019, as "Life
22 Sciences Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage all Pennsylvanians to
24 learn more about this vibrant industry.