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MARCH 14, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 14, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 19, 2013, as "Life Sciences Day" in this
2 Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has a rich history of research and
4 innovation, including 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 including
8 vaccines against blood-based hepatitis B, rubella, rotavirus and
9 polio as well as the first simultaneous heart, liver and kidney
10 transplant; and

11 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is the only state with 13 world-
12 renowned research institutions and is home to the leading
13 National Institutes of Health award-recipient universities; and

14 WHEREAS, The future of this Commonwealth's life sciences

1 industry is bright, ranking 4th in the nation for life science-
2 related patents and recognizing that the number of life science
3 companies in this Commonwealth has increased 13% in the last 5
4 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Business Facilities magazine has ranked this
6 Commonwealth among the top 3 states during the last 5 years for
7 biotechnology; and

8 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth offers proximity to the regulatory
9 bodies in Washington, DC, and the investment community in New
10 York, as well as a unique blend of talent ranging from recent
11 graduates of this Commonwealth's numerous higher education
12 institutions to the executives carrying on the legacy left by
13 leaders such as the late Dr. Hubert J.P. Schoemaker and Frank
14 Baldino, Jr. Ph.D.; and

15 WHEREAS, The life science industry is a cornerstone of this
16 Commonwealth's economic future, directly employing nearly 80,000
17 workers, a total employment impact of nearly 500,000 jobs and
18 economic impact from wages alone totaling \$8.15 billion; and

19 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is uniquely positioned to offer
20 the entire bioscience ecosystem in one location through seed
21 capital, discovery research, emerging industry, contract
22 laboratory organizations, medical devices and diagnostics
23 companies, mature biopharmaceutical industry and global
24 pharmaceuticals; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
26 19, 2013, as "Life Sciences Day" in this Commonwealth and
27 encourage all Pennsylvanians to learn more about this vibrant
28 industry.