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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2024 as "Interior Designer and  
2 Architect Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, A distinctive feature of this Commonwealth is that  
4 it has a high percentage of people employed in creative design  
5 professions, many of whom are interior designers and architects;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Interior design and architecture are two distinct  
8 disciplines that deal with the planning and creation of  
9 buildings, homes, offices, retail stores, museums and the like;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Interior designers and architects have a vital role  
12 in shaping the interiors of essential buildings, including  
13 schools and hospitals and they create learning environments that  
14 support student success and health care environments that foster  
15 patient recovery and privacy; and

16 WHEREAS, Interior design mainly focuses on the inside  
17 elements of a space, including functionality and aesthetics,  
18 while architecture usually deals with the exterior design of a

1 structure; and

2 WHEREAS, Architects can also work on specific aspects of  
3 interior space design and collaborate with interior designers  
4 when their expertise is required or if any exterior design is  
5 involved in a project; and

6 WHEREAS, The term "architect" traces its roots to ancient  
7 Greece, signifying the role of a "chief carpenter," a master of  
8 design, engineering and vision for building structures; and

9 WHEREAS, Interior design has flourished as a creative  
10 profession for over a century, enriching our surroundings with  
11 beauty, purpose and inspiration; and

12 WHEREAS, Professional design organizations, councils and  
13 research centers have evolved since the 1930s, and the art of  
14 decorating has transformed into a highly specialized interior  
15 design profession dedicated to crafting inspiring spaces for  
16 both residential and commercial clients; and

17 WHEREAS, The collaborative relationship between interior  
18 designers and architects has stood the test of time,  
19 harmoniously weaving their talents together; and

20 WHEREAS, These two professions synergize their creative  
21 prowess to construct buildings that are not only visually  
22 captivating, but also functionally efficient; and

23 WHEREAS, Interior designers and architects are essential  
24 professionals who shape the spaces where we live, work and play;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, They create environments that are beautiful and  
27 sustainable, reflecting the needs and values of communities; and

28 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's creative design professionals  
29 contribute significantly in shaping its identity and enhancing  
30 its livability; and

1       WHEREAS, Their work not only preserves and celebrates the  
2 rich history and diversity of this Commonwealth, but also  
3 inspires and challenges us to imagine a better future; and

4       WHEREAS, Interior designers and architects apply their  
5 creativity, technical skills and knowledge of codes, standards  
6 and regulations to design solutions that meet the needs and  
7 preferences of their clients; and

8       WHEREAS, Interior design and architecture are professions  
9 that contribute to the health, safety and welfare of the public  
10 by creating environments that are aesthetically pleasing and  
11 accessible; and

12       WHEREAS, Residents of this Commonwealth have reaped the  
13 benefits of their combined efforts, experiencing improved  
14 quality of life through thoughtfully designed spaces; therefore  
15 be it

16       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
17 month of May 2024 as "Interior Designer and Architect Month" in  
18 Pennsylvania; and be it further

19       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the  
20 interior designers and architects who have demonstrated  
21 excellence, innovation and social responsibility in their  
22 projects and practices and who have enriched the lives of  
23 Pennsylvanians through their designs; and be it further

24       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and  
25 appreciate the valuable services that these professionals  
26 provide to the public and private sectors.