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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 3, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 22, 2018, as "Cellicon Valley Day" in
2 Pennsylvania to honor medical innovations and breakthroughs
3 originating in the Philadelphia region.

4 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia region, historically a place of
5 firsts and innovation, is currently hosting a new wave of health
6 care advancement in gene and cell therapies; and

7 WHEREAS, In the summer of 2017, the term "Cellicon Valley"
8 was introduced to publicize this growing scientific field in the
9 region; and

10 WHEREAS, The new therapies use a patient's own cellular and
11 genetic makeup to improve health outcomes for, and even cure,
12 diseases that have long plagued mankind; and

13 WHEREAS, The region has a growing and vibrant industry and
14 academic infrastructure that supports this new direction in
15 health care; and

16 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia region is the home of the first
17 Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved CAR-T cell therapy
18 and the first FDA-approved gene therapies and hosts more than 60

1 academic laboratories focused on gene therapies; and

2 WHEREAS, One out of every six doctors in the United States
3 have spent time in Cellicon Valley during their careers and more
4 than \$450 million has been invested in advanced cell and gene
5 therapy manufacturing; and

6 WHEREAS, As Pennsylvania looks to lead the world in the life
7 sciences, we applaud the talented men and women who work on
8 perfecting these therapies to better help patients; and

9 WHEREAS, This new technology will differentiate the
10 Philadelphia region, and this Commonwealth, on both a national
11 and a global scale; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 22,
13 2018, as "Cellicon Valley Day" in Pennsylvania to honor medical
14 innovations and breakthroughs originating in the Philadelphia
15 region.