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A RESOLUTION

Designating May 17, 2016, as "Teacher Education Day" in 1 Pennsylvania and recognizing the outstanding service of 2 teacher educators who prepare teachers for the Commonwealth's 3 4 classrooms. 5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a long history and tradition of producing teachers of the highest quality with the help and 6 7 guidance of the dedicated teacher educators who prepare, 8 supervise, observe and evaluate them; and 9 WHEREAS, Many teacher educators across this Commonwealth have 10 dedicated their professional lives to preparing the best teachers for Pennsylvania's elementary and secondary students; 11 12 and 13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has 93 colleges and universities that offer teacher education programs approved by the Department of 14 15 Education; and 16 WHEREAS, Teacher education students in Pennsylvania are 17 exposed to a multitude of instructional opportunities during 18 their preparation programs, including working with children from diverse backgrounds and observing talented educators currently 19

1 teaching in classrooms; and

2 WHEREAS, Since 1981, the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators (PAC-TE) has served as a voice for 3 professional educator preparation programs and has worked to 4 5 produce and support high quality teachers for the students, families and communities of Pennsylvania; and 6 WHEREAS, PAC-TE is currently comprised of 83 member 7 institutions, 338 institutional representatives and 114 8 9 additional individual members; therefore be it 10 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 17, 2016, as "Teacher Education Day" in Pennsylvania and recognize the outstanding 11 service of teacher educators who prepare teachers for this 12 13 Commonwealth's classrooms.