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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 15, 2015, as "Trauma Registrars Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Each accredited trauma center in Pennsylvania is  
4 required to have a trauma registrar; and

5 WHEREAS, The trauma registrar's primary role is to abstract  
6 data into the trauma center's trauma registry, which is an  
7 important management tool composed of a file of uniform data  
8 elements that describe the injury, event, demographics, pre-  
9 hospital information, diagnosis, care and outcomes and costs of  
10 treatment of injured patients; and

11 WHEREAS, The trauma registrar also engages in other  
12 processes, such as report generation, data analysis and research  
13 assistance; and

14 WHEREAS, The trauma registrar is a vital and integral part of  
15 the trauma team, the overall performance improvement process at

1 a trauma center and the public health; and

2 WHEREAS, Trauma registrars must abstract data in compliance  
3 with the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation guidelines, as  
4 well as the National Trauma Data Bank guidelines; and

5 WHEREAS, Trauma registrars come from diverse backgrounds,  
6 such as nursing, medical records, computer science and medical  
7 informatics, among others; and

8 WHEREAS, Trauma registrars must be continuous learners and  
9 attend courses such as the American Trauma Society's Trauma  
10 Registrar Course or an equivalent provided by a state trauma  
11 program and the Association of the Advancement of Automotive  
12 Medicine's Injury Scaling Course; and

13 WHEREAS, A certifying examination is available through the  
14 sponsorship of the American Trauma Society's Registrar  
15 Certification Board, leading to the designation of certified  
16 specialist in trauma registries; and

17 WHEREAS, It is important to acknowledge that high-quality  
18 data begins with high-quality data entry and it is the trauma  
19 registrar who is responsible for performing this task;  
20 therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 15,  
22 2015, as "Trauma Registrars Day" in Pennsylvania.