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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 23, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 25, 2015, as "Dr. George W. Fairweather
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. George William "Bill" Fairweather, an innovative
4 psychologist and humanitarian, was born on February 1, 1921, and
5 died on January 24, 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Fairweather's research and his book, *Community*
7 *Life for the Mentally Ill: An Alternative to Institutional Care*
8 became a milestone in the treatment of mental illness throughout
9 the country, resulting in the patients' rights movement in
10 psychiatry; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Fairweather developed the Fairweather Lodge
12 Program, an innovative social experiment fostering more
13 participatory roles in society for former psychiatric patients,
14 through having the patients live and work together on a more
15 collaborative basis, and the program now exists in at least 17
16 states and encompasses more than 100 lodges; and

1 WHEREAS, Numerous counties in this Commonwealth are served by
2 organizations patterned after the Fairweather Lodge Program,
3 including the counties of Allegheny, Centre, Clearfield,
4 Crawford, Cumberland, Dauphin, Erie, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton,
5 Jefferson, Lawrence, Mercer, Perry, Venango and Westmoreland;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Fairweather will long be remembered for his
8 unquestioning faith that persons with a mental health condition
9 are worthy of dignity, can participate in making major decisions
10 regarding their treatment and have the ability to heal
11 themselves; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life
13 and contributions of Dr. Fairweather by designating September
14 25, 2015, as "Dr. George W. Fairweather Day" in Pennsylvania.