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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 29, 2014, as "Life Sciences Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has a rich history of research and  
4 innovation, including home to the nation's first hospital,  
5 medical school and college of pharmacy; and

6 WHEREAS, Many of the world's greatest medical breakthroughs  
7 have come from research conducted in this Commonwealth,  
8 including vaccines against blood-based hepatitis B, rubella,  
9 rotavirus and polio, as well as the first simultaneous heart,  
10 liver and kidney transplant; and

11 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is the only state with 13 world-  
12 renowned research institutions and is home to the leading  
13 National Institutes of Health's award-recipient universities;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The future of this Commonwealth's life sciences  
16 industry is bright, ranking fourth in the nation for life  
17 science-related patents and recognizing that the number of life

1 science companies in this Commonwealth has increased 13% in the  
2 last five years; and

3 WHEREAS, Business Facilities magazine has ranked this  
4 Commonwealth among the top three states during the last five  
5 years for biotechnology research, growth and development; and

6 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth offers proximity to the regulatory  
7 bodies in Washington, DC, and the investment community in New  
8 York City, as well as a unique blend of talent ranging from  
9 recent graduates of this Commonwealth's numerous higher  
10 education institutions to the executives carrying on the legacy  
11 left by leaders such as the late Dr. Hubert J.P. Schoemaker and  
12 Frank Baldino, Jr. Ph.D.; and

13 WHEREAS, The life sciences industry is a cornerstone of this  
14 Commonwealth's economic future, directly employing nearly 80,000  
15 workers, with a total employment impact of nearly 500,000 jobs  
16 and economic impact from wages alone totaling \$8.15 billion; and

17 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is uniquely positioned to offer  
18 the entire bioscience ecosystem in one location through seed  
19 capital, discovery research, emerging industry, contract  
20 laboratory organizations, medical devices and diagnostics  
21 companies, mature biopharmaceutical industry and global  
22 pharmaceuticals; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate April 29, 2014, as "Life  
24 Sciences Day" in this Commonwealth and encourage all  
25 Pennsylvanians to learn more about this vibrant industry.