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A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Jefferson Medical College on its achievement of  
2 being named the foremost medical institution in the nation  
3 for the training of primary care physicians.

4 WHEREAS, Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson  
5 University in Philadelphia has recognized the serious need for  
6 the training of primary care physicians and the equally  
7 important need to motivate those trained as primary care  
8 physicians to practice in underserved areas; and

9 WHEREAS, Jefferson Medical College in 1974 initiated the  
10 Physician Shortage Area Program with the intent of not only  
11 addressing the serious need to train primary care physicians,  
12 but to encourage these primary care physicians to practice in  
13 the many underserved areas throughout this Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, The Physician Shortage Area Program conducted by  
15 Jefferson Medical College has for the second year in succession  
16 resulted in the school being chosen as the foremost medical  
17 institution in the nation in the training of primary care

1 providers according to a survey conducted by U. S. News and  
2 World Report in its March 22, 1993, issue; and

3 WHEREAS, The methods used in the successful administration of  
4 the Physician Shortage Area Program by Jefferson Medical College  
5 was detailed in the prestigious The New England Journal of  
6 Medicine through the publication of a paper written by Dr.  
7 Howard K. Rabinowitz of the Jefferson Medical College faculty;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, These efforts offer a successful blueprint for any  
10 medical school seeking to increase its efforts in these areas;  
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate of Pennsylvania pause in its  
13 deliberations to extend its congratulations to Jefferson Medical  
14 College for this most commendable effort and for the recognition  
15 accorded the college as the nation's leading medical school in  
16 efforts to train primary care physicians and encourage them to  
17 practice in underserved areas; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate of Pennsylvania further extend its  
19 congratulations to Dr. Paul C. Brucker, President of Thomas  
20 Jefferson University, and to Dr. Joseph Gonnella, Dean of  
21 Jefferson Medical College, for their leadership that has  
22 contributed in making this program a resounding success.