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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.