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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the role of licensed physical therapists in  
2 promoting the health of women and calling upon the women of  
3 this Commonwealth to take steps to maintain their health.

4 WHEREAS, "National Women's Health Week" is being celebrated  
5 across the country from May 8 through 14, 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, Maintaining good health depends on a team of health  
7 care providers, including general practitioners, specialists,  
8 surgeons, internists, psychiatrists, physical therapists and  
9 other professionals with expertise in women's issues; and

10 WHEREAS, The Department of Health and Human Services promotes  
11 regular physical activity as a key step to improve physical and  
12 mental health and lower the risk of certain diseases in women;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Licensed physical therapists can help women gain or  
15 regain the mobility and strength necessary to engage in health-  
16 promoting physical activity, including exercise and sports; and

17 WHEREAS, The American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists  
18 offers a Women's Health Certified Specialist certification for

1 physical therapists who have demonstrated proficiency in  
2 evaluating and treating an array of women's health diagnoses;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Many physical therapists have specialized training  
5 that allows them to educate, evaluate and treat female clients  
6 with a variety of medical conditions, and a physical therapist  
7 can use every facet of his or her training to promote and  
8 enhance a woman's health throughout the woman's entire life; and

9 WHEREAS, Physical therapy is an integral part of health care  
10 for women dealing with health issues unique to women, and each  
11 patient's course of treatment is individualized to deal  
12 specifically with her needs; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
14 role of licensed physical therapists and other health care  
15 providers in meeting women's health care needs; and be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all women of  
18 this Commonwealth to seek an evaluation to determine if physical  
19 therapy can improve their quality of life and assist them in  
20 achieving and maintaining good health at every age.