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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring Barbaro's life and achievements as an  
2 outstanding racehorse and the dedication of his caregivers.

3 WHEREAS, Barbaro, a bay Thoroughbred stallion, was foaled on  
4 April 29, 2003, a son of Dynaformer and the dam La Ville Rouge;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Barbaro was owned by Roy and Gretchen Jackson of  
7 Lael Stables, West Grove, Pennsylvania; and

8 WHEREAS, Lael Stables began breeding racehorses in 1978 at  
9 the 190-acre Lael Farm and became the only stable with two  
10 previously undefeated horses to represent the same owner at the  
11 Kentucky Derby in 2006; and

12 WHEREAS, Barbaro was trained by Michael Matz of Unionville,  
13 Chester County, a six-time United States national equestrian  
14 champion and member of three United States Olympic equestrian  
15 teams, who won a silver medal in the 1996 Olympic Games; and

16 WHEREAS, Barbaro was the winner of his first six career  
17 starts, including the Maiden, the Laurel Futurity, the Tropical

1 Park Derby, the Holy Bull Stakes, the Florida Derby and the  
2 Kentucky Derby; and

3 WHEREAS, Pimlico Racecourse renamed the Sir Barton Stakes as  
4 the Barbaro Stakes; and

5 WHEREAS, Barbaro was an Eclipse Award finalist for best  
6 three-year-old in 2006; and

7 WHEREAS, Barbaro won the 2006 Kentucky Derby by 6.5 lengths  
8 and was only the sixth undefeated Kentucky Derby champion; and

9 WHEREAS, On May 20, 2006, at the start of the Preakness  
10 Stakes, Barbaro fractured three bones in and around the ankle of  
11 his right hind leg; and

12 WHEREAS, Barbaro was taken to the New Bolton Center in  
13 Kennett Square, Chester County, the University of Pennsylvania's  
14 large animal teaching veterinary clinic, which annually has  
15 6,000 patients and conducts 19,000 field visits and is renowned  
16 for its specialized care, notably for animals needing  
17 complicated bone surgery; and

18 WHEREAS, Barbaro was treated at the New Bolton Center by an  
19 exceptional team, including Dr. Dean Richardson, chief of the  
20 surgical staff at New Bolton, a renowned surgeon whose dedicated  
21 service to Barbaro's recovery has been recognized worldwide; and

22 WHEREAS, After eight months of intensive care and treatment,  
23 Barbaro was euthanized on January 29, 2007; and

24 WHEREAS, The University of Pennsylvania announced the Barbaro  
25 Fund for the George D. Widener Hospital at New Bolton Center,  
26 made possible by an anonymous donation to honor Barbaro and  
27 provide a lasting resource to help care for other animals  
28 treated there; and

29 WHEREAS, The Jacksons and the New Bolton Center received the  
30 Special Eclipse Award of 2006, which honors outstanding

1 individuals for achievements or contributions to Thoroughbred  
2 racing; and

3 WHEREAS, Barbaro's achievements highlight the grace and  
4 beauty of the horse breeding industry and its importance to this  
5 Commonwealth and our agricultural heritage; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend Roy and Gretchen Jackson  
7 and Michael Matz for their extraordinary commitment to Barbaro  
8 and the Thoroughbred industry; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend the New Bolton Center for  
10 its outstanding care and treatment of Barbaro; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the  
12 Jacksons, Michael Matz and Dr. Dean Richardson in care of the  
13 University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, New  
14 Bolton Center, 382 West Street Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348.