In the Senate, June 27, 1995

Whereas, The Pennsylvania Bar Association is celebrating one hundred years of concern and dedication to the rule of law and protection of citizens' constitutional rights; and

Whereas, The Pennsylvania Bar Association held its first meeting on July 10, 1895 in Bedford Springs beginning a century of outstanding legal service to the citizens of the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, The Pennsylvania Bar Association was specifically formed to deal with “a few lesser than one hundred bills looking to the reform of laws governing forms of action, service to process, and practice before the Courts”. On July 10, 1895, the Association implemented its charter’s purpose section which read: To advance the science of jurisprudence; to promote the administration of justice; to secure proper legislation; to encourage a thorough legal education; to uphold the honor and dignity of the Bar; to cultivate cordial intercourse among the lawyers of Pennsylvania; and to perpetuate the history of the profession and the memory of its members; and

Whereas, Throughout its history, thousands of men and women have given of themselves so freely in service to the legal profession. They have contributed to its rich history and have always been committed to provide the administration of justice and the equality of all.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates the Pennsylvania Bar Association as it recommitts itself to the ideals and principles which have sustained it for one hundred years; offers best wishes for its continued success as it moves toward further thresholds of excellence well into the twenty-first century;


Attest: 
Mark R. Cavigan, Secretary