A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Camp Letterman.

2 WHEREAS, In July of 1863, it was ordered that an official
3 United State general hospital be opened in Gettysburg on land
4 owned by George Wolf and located approximately half of a mile
5 from the Gettysburg battlefield; and

6 WHEREAS, The general hospital, the first to be placed on the
7 battlefield was named Camp Letterman after Dr. Jonathan
8 Letterman the medical director of the Army of the Potomac; and

9 WHEREAS, Established near a railroad station for ease of
10 movement of incoming medical supplies and wounded soldiers, Camp
11 Letterman was located on what is now the York Pike and was the
12 largest field hospital in North America; and

13 WHEREAS, The hospital was established to treat both Union and
14 Confederate soldiers that were unable to be transferred to other
15 general hospitals; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Henry Janes was in charge of the general
hospital and kept careful notes of each patient treated; and
WHEREAS, The camp remained open and treated soldiers until
November 20, 1863; and
WHEREAS, The camp treated more than 4,000 patients; and
WHEREAS, Three hundred sixty-five soldiers, forty of which
resided in this Commonwealth, died at Camp Letterman; and
WHEREAS, The next year, the Union soldiers buried at the camp
were removed and reburied in the Gettysburg National Cemetery
and the Confederate soldiers were removed and reburied in the
1870s; therefore be it
RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Camp
Letterman.