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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May as High Blood Pressure Month.

2 WHEREAS, Sixty million Americans have high blood pressure,
3 with only a quarter of that number of cases under control; and

4 WHEREAS, Studies have shown the life-threatening correlation
5 between high blood pressure and cardiovascular disease; and

6 WHEREAS, The National High Blood Pressure Education Program
7 was begun in the early 1970's to work with states and local
8 communities to organize screening programs and to promote high
9 blood pressure educational activities; and

10 WHEREAS, The Southeastern Pennsylvania High Blood Pressure
11 Control Program was established in 1978 under the auspices of
12 the Hypertension Committee of the American Heart Association to
13 coordinate screening, detection, referral and followup,
14 utilizing existing community resources; and

15 WHEREAS, The program has resulted in an expansion of
16 screening, standardization of blood pressure measurement
17 techniques and referral criteria, coordination of data

1 collection with a regular followup system and the establishment
2 of public and professional educational programs; and

3 WHEREAS, These efforts, with primary funding from the State
4 Department of Health, have resulted in a commendable record of
5 progress against the "Silent Killer" in southeastern
6 Pennsylvania; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That in recognition of the work underway to control
8 this widespread disease, the House of Representatives designate
9 May as High Blood Pressure Month in order to expand awareness by
10 the general public.