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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 12, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of February 12 through 16, 2001, as
2 "National Heart Failure Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Heart failure has reached epidemic proportions; and

4 WHEREAS, More than 5 million Americans have heart failure;

5 and

6 WHEREAS, Nearly 500,000 new cases of heart failure occur

7 annually; and

8 WHEREAS, Heart failure is a chronic and progressive disease

9 of the heart muscle; and

10 WHEREAS, Many risk factors may lead to heart failure; and

11 WHEREAS, Approximately 50% of patients with heart failure

1 have coronary artery disease as a preexisting condition; and

2 WHEREAS, Heart failure is the leading cause of

3 hospitalization for individuals over 65 years of age; and

4 WHEREAS, Less than 50% of patients live five years after
5 their initial diagnosis; and

6 WHEREAS, In recent years, studies have demonstrated that
7 effective drug therapy can relieve symptoms, slow progression of
8 the disease and reduce mortality; and

9 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis is vital to successful treatment;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The Federal Government recognizes February 12
12 through 16, 2001, as "National Heart Failure Awareness Week";
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Events are planned in cities across the nation to
15 bring awareness to heart failure; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
17 week of February 12 through 16, 2001, as "National Heart Failure
18 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage each
20 Commonwealth citizen to learn more about the symptoms, risk
21 factors and treatments of heart failure.