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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 261 Session of  
2003

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INTRODUCED BY FICHTER, ADOLPH, ARGALL, BAKER, BALDWIN, BARRAR, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BISHOP, BUNT, CAPPELLI, CAUSER, CAWLEY, CLYMER, CORRIGAN, COY, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, DALEY, DeWEESE, DONATUCCI, FAIRCHILD, FEESE, FLEAGLE, FORCIER, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARRIS, HASAY, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HESS, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KELLER, KOTIK, LEACH, LEDERER, LEWIS, MANN, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, McGEEHAN, McGILL, McILHATTAN, McILHINNEY, McNAUGHTON, MUNDY, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PISTELLA, REICHLEY, ROHRER, ROSS, RUBLEY, SANTONI, SATHER, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, T. STEVENSON, STURLA, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, TRUE, TURZAI, WALKO, WASHINGTON, WATSON, WOJNAROSKI AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 30, 2003

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 30, 2003

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2003 as "Asthma Awareness Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The prevalence of asthma increased by 75% from 1980  
4 to 1994; and

5 WHEREAS, More than 17 million Americans are estimated to have  
6 asthma; and

7 WHEREAS, In the United States, 4.8 million children are  
8 affected by asthma; and

9 WHEREAS, For children under five years of age, the incidence  
10 of asthma increased more than 160% from 1980 to 1994; and

11 WHEREAS, Asthma is the leading cause of work loss for adults;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Each year, 14 million school days are missed by  
3 children affected with asthma; and

4 WHEREAS, Direct health care costs for asthma total \$8.5  
5 billion annually; and

6 WHEREAS, Lost productivity for asthma costs \$4.6 billion; and

7 WHEREAS, With early identification and treatment, asthma can  
8 be managed and controlled; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
10 month of May 2003 as "Asthma Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania  
11 and encourage all citizens to work within their communities to  
12 increase awareness and understanding of the underlying  
13 environmental, genetic and lifestyle factors that contribute to  
14 asthma and promote early diagnosis and treatment of this  
15 disease.