
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 109 Session of
2005

INTRODUCED BY McCALL, HARHAI, ARGALL, BAKER, BALDWIN, BEBKO-JONES, BIANCUCCI, BISHOP, BUNT, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CLYMER, CORRIGAN, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, DALEY, DeWEESE, DiGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, J. EVANS, FABRIZIO, FICHTER, FLEAGLE, FORCIER, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARRIS, HERSHEY, HESS, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, M. KELLER, LEACH, LEDERER, LEH, MAJOR, MARKOSEK, MCGILL, McILHATTAN, McILHINNEY, S. MILLER, MUNDY, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PISTELLA, READSHAW, ROBERTS, ROHRER, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SANTONI, SATHER, SCAVELLO, SEMMEL, SHANER, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, STABACK, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, WALKO, WASHINGTON, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD, DENLINGER, TURZAI AND BROWNE, MARCH 1, 2005

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 1, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2005 as "Reflex Sympathetic
2 Dystrophy Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome, known as
4 RSDS, is a disabling disease that causes symptoms such as
5 softness of the bones, loss of mobility of the limbs, stiffness
6 in the joints and muscle spasms; and

7 WHEREAS, RSDS can be brought on by a simple injury such as a
8 sprain or by surgery, infections or cumulative traumas and
9 generally starts in a limb; and

10 WHEREAS, RSDS affects individuals of both sexes and all ages;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Individuals afflicted with RSDS suffer excruciating

1 pain without relief; and

2 WHEREAS, While research continues, there is currently no
3 known cure for RSDS; and

4 WHEREAS, Educating victims of RSDS and the public is
5 difficult because of the small amount known about the disease;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The RSDS Association was established on May 18,
8 1984, to meet the need for awareness of RSDS among health care
9 professionals, patients and their families and to encourage RSDS
10 research; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
12 month of May 2005 as "Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome
13 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania to alert the people of this
14 Commonwealth to the plight of the victims of this devastating
15 disease and the ongoing battle to cure or prevent it.