

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 439 Session of
2005

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CALTAGIRONE AND SHAPIRO, SEPTEMBER 27, 2005

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 27, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2005 as "Sickle Cell Anemia
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, According to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood
4 Institute, 72,000 Americans are currently living with sickle
5 cell anemia; and

6 WHEREAS, The most recent statistics show that in 1999 501
7 Americans died from sickle cell anemia and 60,000 Americans were
8 hospitalized due to the disease; and

9 WHEREAS, A report by the Centers for Disease Control and
10 Prevention cites that between 1979 and 1995 Pennsylvania's
11 sickle cell anemia mortality rate was 1.8 per 1 million
12 individuals; and

13 WHEREAS, According to the Congressional Black Caucus
14 Foundation, approximately 2 million Americans carry the sickle

1 cell trait, including approximately 1 in 12 African Americans;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Approximately 1 in 500 African-American births
4 result in babies with sickle cell anemia; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the Sickle Cell Disease Association of
6 America, approximately 1,000 babies are born with sickle cell
7 anemia each year in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, In the United States the average life expectancy of
9 a person living with sickle cell anemia is 45 years; and

10 WHEREAS, There is currently no universal cure for sickle cell
11 anemia; and

12 WHEREAS, A public that is informed and educated about sickle
13 cell anemia can better prevent and recognize the disease;
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
16 month of September 2005 as "Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Month"
17 in Pennsylvania.