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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2005 as "Cancer Control Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Cancer is the second leading cause of death among
4 Americans, exceeded only by heart disease; and

5 WHEREAS, One of every four deaths in the United States is due
6 to cancer; and

7 WHEREAS, More than 19 million new cases of cancer have been
8 diagnosed since 1990, and more than 1.3 million new cases of
9 cancer will be diagnosed in 2005; and

10 WHEREAS, There were 69,254 average annual cancer cases in
11 Pennsylvania from 1998 through 2000 and 30,077 average annual
12 cancer deaths in Pennsylvania from 1997 through 2001; and

13 WHEREAS, There are three forms of cancer responsible for more
14 than 50% of cancer deaths in men and women: for men, lung
15 cancer, colorectal cancer and prostate cancer, and for women,
16 lung cancer, breast cancer and colorectal cancer; and

17 WHEREAS, Pursuant to a 1938 Congressional Resolution

1 providing for annual "Cancer Control Month" proclamations, the
2 President of the United States has declared April 2005 as
3 "Cancer Control Month" to provide the opportunity for Americans
4 to learn vital information about cancer prevention, detection
5 and treatment; and

6 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society offers many programs to
7 help educate Americans about cancer risks, early detection and
8 prevention; and

9 WHEREAS, A low-fat diet filled with fruits, vegetables, lean
10 meats and whole grains, along with regular exercise and healthy
11 lifestyle choices helps reduce the risk of developing many
12 chronic diseases, including cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, Regular checkups and preventive health screenings
14 can detect many forms of cancer at early stages, allowing
15 doctors to stop cancer before it spreads; and

16 WHEREAS, Two out of three cancer cases and deaths can be
17 prevented by lifestyle change or cured if detected early;
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2005
20 as "Cancer Control Month" in Pennsylvania.