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WASHINGTON AND ARMSTRONG, SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2005 as "Prostate Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is the most common type of cancer
4 diagnosed among men in this Commonwealth, afflicting 10,915 men
5 in 2002, and is the second leading cause of cancer death among
6 men in this Commonwealth, causing 1,631 deaths in 2002; and

7 WHEREAS, The Department of Health reports that each year
8 there are about 10,000 new prostate cancer cases diagnosed among
9 men in this Commonwealth and nearly 1,700 men in this
10 Commonwealth die from the disease; and

11 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that 232,090
12 men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer
13 during 2005 and 30,350 men will die of prostate cancer, the
14 second leading cause of cancer death among men in the United
15 States; and

16 WHEREAS, The risk of developing prostate cancer increases as

1 a man ages, with more than 70% of all prostate cancers being
2 diagnosed in men over 65 years of age; and

3 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer is twice as common among African-
4 American men; and

5 WHEREAS, Early detection and screening are vital to combating
6 prostate cancer, especially among men over 50 years of age,
7 African-American men and men with a family history of prostate
8 cancer; and

9 WHEREAS, With early detection, the five-year relative
10 survival rate for men with localized prostate cancer is 100%;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Greater public awareness and education about
13 prostate cancer are necessary to help protect the health and
14 welfare of men; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September
16 2005 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and
17 encourage all men to educate themselves about the risk of
18 prostate cancer.