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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
AUGUST 13, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 2014 as "Mesothelioma Awareness Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Mesothelioma cancer is an aggressive, asbestos-
4 related disease that affects the linings of the chest, lungs,
5 heart and abdomen; and

6 WHEREAS, The most common type of mesothelioma is pleural
7 mesothelioma, which accounts for approximately 2,500 cases per
8 year in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, It is reported that only 10% to 20% of patients with
10 pleural mesothelioma are diagnosed early enough for surgical
11 intervention; and

12 WHEREAS, While symptoms can vary depending on the area of the
13 body where the disease originates, common symptoms of

1 mesothelioma are fluid in the chest or abdomen, pain, shortness
2 of breath, loss of appetite, heart failure, fatigue, cough and
3 weight loss; and

4 WHEREAS, Asbestos was used in the construction of most office
5 buildings, hospitals, public schools, power plants, automobile
6 repair shops, refineries and residential homes built before
7 1975; and

8 WHEREAS, A high percentage of mesothelioma victims were
9 exposed to asbestos on naval ships and in shipyards; and

10 WHEREAS, Exposure to asbestos for as little as one month can
11 result in mesothelioma 15 years later or longer; and

12 WHEREAS, The lack of sufficient research to advance effective
13 treatments for mesothelioma has led to inadequate treatment for
14 those stricken with the disease and has resulted in a situation
15 where the majority of mesothelioma patients die within 12 to 15
16 months after diagnosis; and

17 WHEREAS, There is no known cure for mesothelioma, leaving the
18 only defense to be research and prevention through education;
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
21 September 2014 as "Mesothelioma Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania
22 to help raise public awareness about mesothelioma and for the
23 need to research and discover an effective treatment and a cure
24 for this deadly cancer.