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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 9, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 17, 2015, as "ROHHAD Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, ROHHAD syndrome, also known as rapid-onset obesity
4 with hypothalamic dysfunction, hypoventilation and autonomic
5 dysregulation is a very rare disease that affects the autonomic
6 nervous system and endocrine system; and

7 WHEREAS, The syndrome results in dramatic weight gain over a
8 6-month to 12-month period in the first 10 years of life,
9 followed by alveolar hypoventilation, hypothalamic dysfunction
10 and dysregulation of the autonomic nervous system; and

11 WHEREAS, Children diagnosed with this disorder suffer from a
12 myriad of issues, including, but not limited to, respiratory
13 problems that can result in respiratory arrest, weight gain,
14 stomach ailments, eye problems, cardiac issues and seizure
15 activity; and

1 WHEREAS, Most of the children diagnosed with ROHHAD syndrome
2 also have a neural crest tumor known as a ganglioneuroblastoma;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, This syndrome is rare, life threatening and life
5 altering and has no known cure; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
7 November 17, 2015, as "ROHHAD Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania in
8 order to raise awareness regarding this rare syndrome in the
9 hope that someday a cure will be found.