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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May as "Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month."

2 WHEREAS, Neurofibromatosis (NF) is the most common  
3 neurological disorder caused by a single gene, one baby in 3,000  
4 being born with NF each year and 100,000 Americans of both sexes  
5 and all national origins and races are being affected with this  
6 disorder; and

7 WHEREAS, NF is characterized by the presence of multiple skin  
8 lesions and includes various orthopedic, ophthalmic and  
9 neurologic disabilities and a very high rate of learning  
10 disabilities; and

11 WHEREAS, In July of 1990, identification of the NF1 gene was  
12 announced at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., a  
13 stunning development which gives hope to development of  
14 diagnostic testing and has far-reaching implications to genetic  
15 research in general, as well as ways a number of cancers  
16 develop; and

17 WHEREAS, Although the race to find the cure has begun, until

1 a treatment and cure are found, the public needs to be educated  
2 about this debilitating disorder; therefore be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
4 month of May, 1993, as "Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month" in  
5 Pennsylvania.