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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 2004 as "National Diabetes Month."

2 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth recognizes the importance of  
3 diagnosing and treating diabetes effectively; and

4 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth recognizes the importance of  
5 promoting diabetes awareness and education; and

6 WHEREAS, The current national yearly health expenditures for  
7 direct and indirect costs associated with diabetes are in excess  
8 of \$132 billion, or one out of every ten health care dollars,

1 with costs nearing \$7.5 billion in this Commonwealth; and

2 WHEREAS, Approximately 1.3 million people are newly diagnosed

3 with diabetes across the nation each year; and

4 WHEREAS, Approximately 18.2 million people have diabetes in

5 the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, In the United States, 8.4% of the general

7 population, 11.4% of the African-American population, 8.2% of

8 the Hispanic population and 14.5% of the Native American

9 population have diabetes, and each year 12,000 to 24,000 people

10 lose their eyesight nationwide; and

11 WHEREAS, Diabetes is the leading cause of new blindness in

12 people 20 to 74 years of age; and

13 WHEREAS, Other complications of diabetes include heart

14 disease, stroke, kidney disease, nerve disease and amputation;

15 and

16 WHEREAS, Good control of blood glucose levels in people with

17 diabetes has been shown to dramatically decrease the likelihood

18 of the occurrence of complications, thus improving the patients'

19 quality of life and decreasing health care expenditures; and

20 WHEREAS, Education concerning diabetes and its treatment is

21 critical to improving blood glucose control; and

22 WHEREAS, November 2004 has been designated as "National

23 Diabetes Month" throughout the United States; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize

25 November 2004 as "National Diabetes Month" to highlight the

26 value of education in providing diabetes treatment which is cost

27 effective and improves the quality of life for people with

28 diabetes; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That people with diabetes, their families and

30 friends and health care professionals in this Commonwealth be

1 urged to utilize this month to increase their awareness and  
2 understanding of diabetes so that in the future people with  
3 diabetes will be better able to care for their own needs and  
4 others will be better prepared to serve the needs of people with  
5 diabetes.