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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2005 as "Alzheimer's Disease  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative brain disorder  
4 which causes progressive loss of memory and intellectual  
5 function; and

6 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease was first described in 1906 and  
7 has been diagnosed in millions of people ever since; and

8 WHEREAS, More than 500,000 older Pennsylvanians have  
9 Alzheimer's disease or related dementia; and

1 WHEREAS, An estimated 4.5 million Americans have Alzheimer's  
2 disease; and

3 WHEREAS, By 2050 the number of individuals with Alzheimer's  
4 disease could range from 11.3 million to 16 million; and

5 WHEREAS, Finding a treatment that delays the onset of  
6 Alzheimer's disease by five years could reduce the number of  
7 individuals with the disease by nearly 50% after 50 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Approximately seven out of ten people with  
9 Alzheimer's disease live at home, where family and friends  
10 provide almost 75% of their care; the remainder is paid care  
11 costing an average of \$19,000 per year; and

12 WHEREAS, Nearly all families pay for this care out of pocket;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The tragic effects of Alzheimer's disease have  
15 spurred scientists and physicians worldwide to intensify their  
16 research efforts; and

17 WHEREAS, Despite the painstaking efforts of researchers and  
18 other advocates, medical science has not found a cure or  
19 treatment for Alzheimer's disease; and

20 WHEREAS, The public must access information about Alzheimer's  
21 disease and find ways to ease the burden on patients, families  
22 and caregivers; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
24 month of November 2005 as "Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month"  
25 in Pennsylvania and urge all citizens of this Commonwealth to  
26 become better informed about the disease and its impact.