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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 7, 2007

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating May 16, 2007, as "LiveStrong Day" in Pennsylvania in
- 2 support of cancer awareness and commending the Lance
- 3 Armstrong Foundation for its continued commitment to cancer-
- 4 related issues.
- 5 WHEREAS, According to the Department of Health and the
- 6 University of Pittsburgh, cancer is the second leading cause of
- 7 death in this Commonwealth; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Three out of four people in their lifetimes will
- 9 have a family member diagnosed with cancer; one in three women
- 10 and one in two men will be diagnosed with cancers in their
- 11 lifetimes; and 1.4 million people will be diagnosed with cancer
- 12 in the United States this year; and
- WHEREAS, More than 559,000 Americans are expected to die from
- 14 cancer this year, and African-American men and women have the
- 15 highest mortality rates for all cancer sites combined; cancer is

- 1 the number one killer of those under 85 years of age; and
- 2 WHEREAS, The people of this Commonwealth have concern and
- 3 compassion for people affected by cancer; and
- 4 WHEREAS, By uniting people affected by cancer to raise
- 5 awareness through education, prevention, screening and early
- 6 detection efforts, we gain strength in the fight against cancer
- 7 in this Commonwealth; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The Lance Armstrong Foundation and many others
- 9 throughout this Commonwealth are committed to ensuring that all
- 10 cancer patients are treated with compassion and respect and are
- 11 provided with the tools and resources necessary to battle the
- 12 physical, emotional and practical challenges of a cancer
- 13 diagnosis; and
- 14 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is home to Abramson Cancer Center
- 15 of the University of Pennsylvania, Fox Chase Cancer Center,
- 16 Kimmel Cancer Center, The Wistar Institute and the University of
- 17 Pittsburgh Cancer Institute; and
- 18 WHEREAS, "LiveStrong Day" exemplifies the spirit of people
- 19 affected by cancer--survivors, caregivers, friends, family,
- 20 physicians, nurses, social workers and researchers--throughout
- 21 this Commonwealth; therefore be it
- 22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 16,
- 23 2007, as "LiveStrong Day" in Pennsylvania in support of cancer
- 24 awareness and commend the Lance Armstrong Foundation for its
- 25 continued commitment to this important cause.