

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 636 Session of
2008

INTRODUCED BY GOODMAN, MUSTIO, ARGALL, BAKER, BEAR, BELFANTI, BEYER, BISHOP, BOBACK, BOYD, BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CAUSER, CLYMER, COHEN, CONKLIN, CUTLER, DeLUCA, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, EACHUS, J. EVANS, EVERETT, FLECK, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GALLOWAY, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GRUCELA, HARHART, HARKINS, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, JAMES, W. KELLER, KORTZ, KOTIK, KULA, LEACH, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANN, MANTZ, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, McILHATTAN, MILLARD, MILNE, MOUL, MOYER, MUNDY, MURT, MYERS, NAILOR, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PARKER, PAYNE, PETRONE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PYLE, RAMALEY, RAPP, READSHAW, REED, REICHLEY, ROCK, ROHRER, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SAMUELSON, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, SOLOBAY, SONNEY, STURLA, SURRA, SWANGER, THOMAS, TRUE, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, WATSON, WHEATLEY, J. WHITE, WOJNAROSKI AND YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 12, 2008

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 12, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the American Cancer Society for its commitment to
2 research and public service and designating the week of March
3 24 through 30, 2008, as "Daffodil Days Awareness Week" in
4 Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society is the largest source of
6 private, nonprofit cancer research funds in the United States,
7 second only to the Federal Government in dollars spent; and

8 WHEREAS, To date, the American Cancer Society has invested \$3
9 billion in cancer research, including current grants of \$29.6
10 million in this Commonwealth as of September, 2007; and

11 WHEREAS, This investment in research is paying off, with more

1 than 66% of male cancer patients surviving for the least five
2 years after cancer diagnosis and 63% of women surviving at least
3 five years after cancer diagnosis; and

4 WHEREAS, Over the years and with funds raised from Daffodil
5 Days, the American Cancer Society has made great strides in
6 cancer research, including funding scientists who have
7 discovered the Papanicolaou test, bone marrow transplant
8 techniques, tamoxifen and Gleevec; and

9 WHEREAS, Daffodil Days is one of the American Cancer
10 Society's oldest fundraising programs and for 35 years has
11 helped to empower people to make a difference in the fight
12 against cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, Forty Nobel Prize winners were funded by the
14 American Cancer Society at some point in their career; and

15 WHEREAS, Approximately 75,130 people were diagnosed with
16 cancer last year and approximately 29,140 people succumbed due
17 to cancer in this Commonwealth in 2007; and

18 WHEREAS, One in every two men and one in every three women
19 will develop cancer, therefore, it is imperative for the
20 American Cancer Society to continue to expand flower sales and
21 volunteer participation in Daffodil Days so that everyone can
22 continue to work together toward a cancer-free society;
23 therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
25 American Cancer Society for its commitment to research and
26 public service and designate the week of March 24 through 30,
27 2008, as "Daffodil Days Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.