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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 7 through 14, 2014, as "Congenital Heart  
2 Defect Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Congenital heart defects are the most frequently  
4 occurring birth defect and the leading cause of birth defect-  
5 related deaths worldwide; and

6 WHEREAS, More than one million families across this nation  
7 are facing the challenges and hardships of raising children with  
8 congenital heart defects; and

9 WHEREAS, Every year 40,000 babies are born in the United  
10 States with congenital heart defects; and

11 WHEREAS, Some congenital heart defects are not diagnosed  
12 until months or years after birth; and

13 WHEREAS, Undiagnosed congenital heart conditions cause many

1 cases of sudden cardiac death in young athletes; and

2 WHEREAS, Despite these statistics, newborns and young  
3 athletes are not routinely screened for congenital heart  
4 defects; and

5 WHEREAS, A disproportionately small amount of funding is  
6 available for congenital heart defect research and support; and

7 WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides an  
8 opportunity for families whose lives have been affected to  
9 celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor  
10 dedicated health professionals and to meet others and know they  
11 are not alone; and

12 WHEREAS, Establishment of Congenital Heart Defect Awareness  
13 Week will also provide the opportunity to share experience and  
14 information with the public and the media in order to raise  
15 public awareness about congenital heart defects; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
17 February 7 through 14, 2014, as "Congenital Heart Defect  
18 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all  
20 citizens to increase awareness, education and services for  
21 congenital heart defects which each year affect thousands of  
22 babies in Pennsylvania.