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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 16, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2018 as "Fibromuscular Dysplasia
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Fibromuscular dysplasia (FMD) is a disease that
4 causes abnormal cell growth of the arterial wall and can lead to
5 areas of narrowing, beading, aneurysms and tearing of the
6 arterial wall; and

7 WHEREAS, FMD patients present the same symptoms that affect
8 much of the general population, including hypertension,
9 headaches and dizziness; and

10 WHEREAS, There has been little progress in understanding the
11 disease since it was first diagnosed in 1938; and

12 WHEREAS, There is no known cause or cure for the disease, but
13 symptoms can be managed through treatment; and

14 WHEREAS, FMD is classified as a rare disease, though many
15 researchers believe it is underdiagnosed; and

16 WHEREAS, Data suggests that up to 4% of the world's

1 population may have FMD; and

2 WHEREAS, Women comprise 90% of patients diagnosed with FMD;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, It has been recognized that many women who are
5 diagnosed with spontaneous coronary artery dissections (SCAD)
6 have underlying FMD; and

7 WHEREAS, SCAD can lead to acute coronary syndrome, heart
8 attack and death; and

9 WHEREAS, SCAD is more common than previously thought and is
10 associated with pregnancy and physical and emotional stress; and

11 WHEREAS, Individuals and families affected by FMD often
12 experience isolation, have difficulty in obtaining accurate and
13 timely diagnosis, have less than optimal treatment options and
14 must educate their own physicians about the disease; and

15 WHEREAS, The Fibromuscular Dysplasia Society of America
16 (FMDSA) was founded in March 2003 and over the past 15 years has
17 been active and successful in raising public and physician
18 awareness of the disease, increasing patient support and working
19 with researchers around the world; and

20 WHEREAS, FMDSA is also funding the United States Registry for
21 Fibromuscular Dysplasia, which will be used to learn how to
22 better diagnose and treat patients with FMD; and

23 WHEREAS, FMDSA is organizing a global observance of FMD to
24 have patients, medical professionals and researchers join
25 together to focus attention on FMD as a public health issue;
26 therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
28 month of May 2018 as "Fibromuscular Dysplasia Awareness Month"
29 in Pennsylvania.