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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 16, 2004, as "Prematurity Awareness Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania and encouraging efforts to fund research and  
3 programs to find causes of prematurity.

4 WHEREAS, Premature birth now affects one in eight babies in  
5 America; and

6 WHEREAS, The incidence of this serious problem is rising  
7 dramatically, up 29% in the last 20 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Premature birth is the leading cause of newborn  
9 death, and among babies who survive, it can be a cause of  
10 serious lifelong health problems; and

11 WHEREAS, Premature birth takes an enormous toll on families  
12 and costs society billions of dollars; and

13 WHEREAS, Most people are not aware that premature birth is a

1 common yet serious and costly problem; and

2 WHEREAS, The March of Dimes, who conquered polio, is now  
3 bringing citizens together in the fight against premature birth;  
4 therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
6 November 16, 2004, as "Prematurity Awareness Day" in  
7 Pennsylvania and encourage efforts to fund research and programs  
8 to find the causes of prematurity.