

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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R. C. WRIGHT, NAHILL, PETRARCA AND McHALE, MARCH 19, 1990

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 19, 1990

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 13, 1990, as "Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy  
2 Syndrome Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome, known as  
4 RSDS, is a disabling disease that causes symptoms such as loss  
5 of mobility of the limbs, softness of the bones, stiffness in  
6 the joints, vasospasms and muscle spasms; and

7 WHEREAS, RSDS affects individuals of both sexes and all ages;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Individuals afflicted with RSDS suffer excruciating  
10 pain without relief; and

11 WHEREAS, Research into the causes and effects of RSDS has  
12 only recently begun; and

13 WHEREAS, Medical researchers face a difficult challenge in  
14 attempting to identify the origin of RSDS; and

15 WHEREAS, Education of the victims of RSDS and the public  
16 about the disease is difficult because of the limited amount of

1 knowledge about the disease and the lack of consensus in the  
2 medical profession regarding the proper interpretation of the  
3 knowledge; and

4 WHEREAS, The RSDS Association was incorporated on May 18,  
5 1984, to support research of the disease and to aid families of  
6 persons suffering from the disease; and

7 WHEREAS, A day should be designated to recognize the victims  
8 of RSDS and to increase the awareness and concern of the people  
9 of the United States regarding the research into the causes,  
10 cures, prevention and clinical treatment of the devastating  
11 disease; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October  
13 13, 1990, as "Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Awareness  
14 Day" in Pennsylvania.