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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 12, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 2001 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of
4 cancer-related deaths in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Estimates show that physicians nationwide will
6 diagnose more than 130,000 new cases of colorectal cancer this
7 year; and

8 WHEREAS, More than 56,000 of those persons diagnosed will die
9 from the disease; and

10 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimated that 7,800 new
11 cases of colorectal cancer would be diagnosed among men and
12 women in Pennsylvania in 2001 and that 3,400 Pennsylvanians
13 would die from the disease this year; and

14 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer takes such a deadly toll because
15 it usually has no identifiable symptoms and often goes
16 undetected until it is too late to treat; and

1 WHEREAS, The most effective weapon in defeating colorectal
2 cancer is early detection and treatment; and

3 WHEREAS, Only 37% of colorectal cancers are detected while
4 still localized; and

5 WHEREAS, Over 90% of those persons diagnosed while the cancer
6 is still localized survive more than five years; and

7 WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer screening should become a routine
8 part of preventive health care for anyone over 50 years of age
9 because the risk of developing the disease increases with age;
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate March 2001 as "Colorectal
12 Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.