## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WATSON, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD AND YUDICHAK, MAY 25, 2004

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, MAY 25, 2004

## A RESOLUTION

- Directing the Joint State Government Commission to investigate and report on the prevalence and burden of cervical cancer.
- 3 WHEREAS, Cervical cancer is still a prevalent disease among
- 4 women; and
- 5 WHEREAS, It is estimated that during 2003 about 12,200 women
- 6 in the United States were diagnosed with cervical cancer; and
- 7 WHEREAS, It is estimated that during 2003 about 4,100 women
- 8 died of cervical cancer; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Each year more than 5 million people acquire human
- 10 papillomavirus, which is linked to cervical cancer in high-risk
- 11 cases; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Because cervical cancer is often asymptomatic, it is

- 1 important to eliminate risk factors; and
- 2 WHEREAS, If found early, cervical cancer is highly curable,
- 3 but testing is required for early detection; therefore be it
- 4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint
- 5 State Government Commission to investigate and report on the
- 6 prevalence and burden of cervical cancer, identify the risk
- 7 factors and recommend appropriate steps toward creating
- 8 awareness and elimination of this deadly disease; and be it
- 9 further
- 10 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission report
- 11 its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by
- 12 November 30, 2004.