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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 30, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 6 through 12, 2007, as
2 "Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Mitochondrial disease comprises a panoply of
4 progressive, neurodegenerative syndromes affecting multiple
5 organ systems and causing mild to severe disabling neurological
6 complications; and

7 WHEREAS, Research has found that 1 in 2,000 people are
8 affected by a mitochondrial disease; and

9 WHEREAS, Research suggests that genetic defects in the
10 mitochondria may be linked to many chronic diseases associated
11 with age-related degeneration such as cancer, Alzheimer's
12 disease, Parkinson's disease and heart disease; and

13 WHEREAS, Mitochondrial disease can affect any person, any
14 organ, at any age, and at present there is no cure or effective

1 therapy for mitochondrial disease; and

2 WHEREAS, Organizations such as the United Mitochondrial
3 Disease Foundation provide much-needed support for families
4 coping with mitochondrial disease, encourage innovative research
5 of mitochondrial disease on several levels and sponsor more than
6 20 chapters and support groups throughout the United States;
7 therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
9 week of May 6 through 12, 2007, as "Mitochondrial Disease
10 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania and urge all citizens of this
11 Commonwealth to become better informed about mitochondrial
12 disease and its impact.