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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 497 Session of  
2011

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INTRODUCED BY KNOWLES, MILLARD, HEFFLEY, ELLIS, OBERLANDER, ADOLPH, BAKER, BOBACK, BROOKS, R. BROWN, V. BROWN, CAUSER, CLYMER, D. COSTA, DALEY, DIGIROLAMO, EMRICK, EVERETT, FARRY, FLECK, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE, GILLEN, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, HAHN, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, HORNAMAN, KAVULICH, M. K. KELLER, KILLION, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MAHER, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MARSICO, METCALFE, MILNE, MIRABITO, MOUL, MURPHY, O'NEILL, PASHINSKI, PICKETT, QUINN, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROCK, ROSS, SABATINA, SAINATO, SANTONI, CULVER, SONNEY, STERN, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TOBASH, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WATSON AND YOUNGBLOOD, NOVEMBER 3, 2011

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
NOVEMBER 3, 2011

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2011 as "Lung Cancer Awareness  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Lung Cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in  
4 this nation and this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, Lung cancer will be responsible for more American  
6 deaths in 2011 than breast, prostate, colon, liver and kidney  
7 cancers combined; and

8 WHEREAS, There are an estimated 221,130 new cases of lung  
9 cancer and 430 deaths from lung cancer each day in this nation,  
10 resulting in approximately 157,000 deaths annually, nearly  
11 129,000 were caused by smoking; and

12 WHEREAS, There will be an estimated 10,900 new cases of lung  
13 cancer and 7,960 deaths from lung cancer this year in this

1 Commonwealth; and

2 WHEREAS, Smoking is the number one cause of lung cancer,  
3 contributing to 80% and 90% of lung cancer deaths in women and  
4 men, respectively; and

5 WHEREAS, Other causes of lung cancer include exposure to  
6 cancer-causing substances or carcinogens, such as asbestos,  
7 radon, uranium, arsenic and certain petroleum products; and

8 WHEREAS, Symptoms of lung cancer include chronic cough,  
9 hoarseness, coughing up blood, weight loss and loss of appetite,  
10 shortness of breath, fever without a known reason, wheezing,  
11 repeated bouts of bronchitis or pneumonia and chest pain; and

12 WHEREAS, In the early stages of lung cancer, these symptoms  
13 are usually absent, although when the symptoms occur, the cancer  
14 is most often advanced; and

15 WHEREAS, There is currently no standard or cost-effective  
16 screening procedure for lung cancer; and

17 WHEREAS, Funding for lung cancer medical research falls far  
18 short of that for diseases with lesser fatality rates; and

19 WHEREAS, To help educate residents of this Commonwealth, the  
20 American Lung Association of Pennsylvania supports designating  
21 the month of November 2011 as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month"; and

22 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for this Commonwealth to  
23 join this nation in designating the month of November 2011 as  
24 "Lung Cancer Awareness Month" so that through better education,  
25 more cases of lung cancer may be found in the early stages when  
26 the chance of long-term survival is enhanced; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
28 month of November 2011 as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month" in  
29 Pennsylvania to promote greater public awareness, enhance  
30 education, erase the stigma and increase early diagnosis of this

1 disease in order to reduce health costs and to save lives in  
2 this Commonwealth.