

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 565 Session of 2012

INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, HARPER, ADOLPH, BAKER, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, CLYMER, D. COSTA, COX, DALEY, DIGIROLAMO, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, FLECK, GABLER, GEIST, GEORGE, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRELL, HARHART, HEFFLEY, HELM, HICKERNELL, HORNAMAN, KAVULICH, KILLION, KNOWLES, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANN, MILLARD, MIRABITO, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, PARKER, PICKETT, READSHAW, ROCK, ROSS, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SONNEY, STABACK, STEVENSON, SWANGER, TOOHL, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WHITE AND YOUNGBLOOD, FEBRUARY 7, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 7, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 7 through 14, 2012, as "Congenital Heart
2 Defect Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Congenital heart defects are the most frequently
4 occurring birth defect and the leading cause of birth defect-
5 related deaths worldwide; and

6 WHEREAS, More than a million families across this nation are
7 facing the challenges and hardships of raising children with
8 congenital heart defects; and

9 WHEREAS, Every year 40,000 babies are born in the United
10 States with congenital heart defects; and

11 WHEREAS, Some congenital heart defects are not diagnosed
12 until months or years after birth; and

13 WHEREAS, Undiagnosed congenital heart conditions cause many
14 cases of sudden cardiac death in young athletes; and

1 WHEREAS, Despite these statistics, newborns and young
2 athletes are not routinely screened for congenital heart
3 defects; and

4 WHEREAS, A disproportionately small amount of funding is
5 available for congenital heart defect research and support; and

6 WHEREAS, "Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week" provides an
7 opportunity for families whose lives have been affected to
8 celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor
9 dedicated health professionals and to meet others and know they
10 are not alone; and

11 WHEREAS, Establishment of "Congenital Heart Defect Awareness
12 Week" will also provide the opportunity to share experience and
13 information with the public and the media in order to raise
14 public awareness about congenital heart defects; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
16 February 7 through 14, 2012, as "Congenital Heart Defect
17 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
19 citizens to increase awareness, education and services for
20 congenital heart defects which each year affect thousands of
21 babies in Pennsylvania.