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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 15, 2014, as "Morquio Syndrome Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Morquio Syndrome is an inherited disease which
4 causes the body's inability to process long-strand sugar
5 molecules called keratin sulfate; and

6 WHEREAS, Morquio Syndrome is part of a group of lysosomal
7 storage disorders called mucopolysaccharidoses (MPS), in which a
8 deficiency or malfunction of specific lysosomal enzymes leads to
9 an abnormal accumulation of certain complex carbohydrates in the
10 body; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the National Institutes of Health the
12 frequency of Morquio Syndrome is 1 in 200,000 births with
13 symptoms manifesting between one and three years of age; and

14 WHEREAS, Morquio Syndrome causes physical abnormalities as
15 well as respiratory, cardiac, eye, ear and skin abnormalities;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, There is no cure for Morquio Syndrome or other MPS
3 disorders, although enzyme replacement therapy can be used to
4 treat the disease; and

5 WHEREAS, Without treatment, the life expectancy of an
6 individual afflicted with Morquio Syndrome and other MPS
7 disorders begins to decrease at a very early stage in the life
8 of the individual; and

9 WHEREAS, Treatments for Morquio Syndrome and other MPS
10 disorders can be enhanced through the development of early
11 detection techniques and early intervention; and

12 WHEREAS, Treatments and research advancements for Morquio
13 Syndrome are limited by a lack of awareness about MPS disorders,
14 which extends to individuals within the medical community; and

15 WHEREAS, The development of effective therapies and a
16 potential cure for Morquio Syndrome and other MPS disorders can
17 be accomplished by increased awareness, research, data
18 collection and information distribution; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 15,
20 2014, as "Morquio Syndrome Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.