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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2013 as "Multiple Birth Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The National Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs,
4 Inc., *TWINS Magazine* and the Fetal Hope Foundation have joined
5 with local organizations to establish and celebrate April as
6 National Multiple Birth Awareness Month; and

7 WHEREAS, The number of live births in twin deliveries in 2010
8 was approximately 132,562 births, and there were also 5,503
9 triplets, 313 quadruplets and 37 higher-order multiples born
10 nationwide; and

11 WHEREAS, With the increase in multiple births, there is an
12 increased risk for the mothers and babies; and

13 WHEREAS, Nationally, one out of every eight twins and one of
14 every three triplets are born very preterm, compared with fewer
15 than two of every 100 single births, and death during infancy is
16 four times more common for twins than singletons; and

17 WHEREAS, This month will be used to spread awareness about

1 the issues that families of multiple births face, including what
2 to know when expecting multiples, such as twin-to-twin
3 transfusion syndrome and other fetal issues directly affecting
4 multiple-birth pregnancies, premature births and low-birth
5 weights, multiples with special needs, the exceptional physical
6 and bonding demands placed on parents and the separation of
7 multiples in classrooms; and

8 WHEREAS, There are many local support groups for parents of
9 multiples and many of these clubs are planning events throughout
10 their communities during this month to celebrate their families,
11 increase participation and help out other families in need; and

12 WHEREAS, By raising awareness of multiple births, this month
13 also encourages parents of multiples, or who are expecting
14 multiples, to seek out the resources and support found with
15 local Mothers of Twins Clubs, through their prenatal care
16 provider, pediatrician, local hospital or friends and family;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, These clubs are established to serve parents or
19 guardians of multiple-birth children through education, research
20 and fellowship; and

21 WHEREAS, The Senate joins with the many parents of multiples
22 to celebrate the joys and challenges they face in raising their
23 twins, triplets or higher-order multiples and supports efforts
24 to educate our communities on the needs and challenges of
25 multiple-birth children; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize and celebrate the month
27 of April 2013 as "Multiple Birth Awareness Month" in
28 Pennsylvania.