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FEBRUARY 17, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of June 2015 as "Cancer Survivors
2 Recognition Month" in Pennsylvania and honoring all cancer
3 survivors for their strength and courage in the face of this
4 devastating illness.

5 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society reports that
6 approximately 1.6 million new cases of cancer are expected to be
7 diagnosed in the United States in 2015, with 81,540 new cases in
8 Pennsylvania; and

9 WHEREAS, As a result of advances in early detection and
10 treatment, cancer has become a curable disease for some and a
11 chronic illness for many others; and

12 WHEREAS, A cancer survivor is anyone living with a history of
13 cancer from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of

1 life; and

2 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society and the National Cancer
3 Institute estimate that 14.5 million Americans with a history of
4 cancer were alive in January 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
6 reports that there are 643,350 cancer survivors in Pennsylvania;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Cancer survivors come in many forms: parent, child,
9 grandparent, family member, friend, coworker or neighbor; and

10 WHEREAS, Cancer survivorship has three distinct phases:
11 living with cancer, living through cancer and living beyond
12 cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, Survivorship can be both stressful and hopeful and
14 surviving cancer can leave a host of problems in its wake; and

15 WHEREAS, Physical, emotional and financial hardships often
16 persist for years after diagnosis and treatment; and

17 WHEREAS, Many cancer survivors are deeply grateful to their
18 caregivers, family, friends, health care providers and
19 communities for their love, dedication and support as they
20 battle cancer; and

21 WHEREAS, Despite the fear, the challenges and the setbacks,
22 life after a cancer diagnosis can be meaningful, productive and
23 even inspiring and triumphant; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
25 month of June 2015 as "Cancer Survivors Recognition Month" in
26 Pennsylvania in celebration of life; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor all cancer
28 survivors and urge all residents to pause and honor those who
29 are living with a history of cancer for their strength, courage
30 and inspiration.