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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 21, 2016

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating the week of February 21 through 27, 2016, as
2 "Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Awareness Week" in
3 Pennsylvania.
- 4 WHEREAS, The word AED is an acronym used as an abbreviation
5 for the Automated External Defibrillator; and
- 6 WHEREAS, AEDs are portable medical devices that use
7 electrodes to automatically analyze and detect cardiac
8 arrhythmia of sudden cardiac arrest patients; and
- 9 WHEREAS, AEDs are able to produce a shock which stops the
10 heart and allows it to return to a normal rhythm, a process
11 called defibrillation; and
- 12 WHEREAS, AEDs are used in the event of a sudden cardiac
13 arrest, which is a condition in which the heart suddenly stops
14 pumping blood and quivers erratically; and

1 WHEREAS, Approximately 360,000 cases of sudden cardiac arrest
2 occur yearly, typically without any warning signs; and

3 WHEREAS, A person currently has about a 5% chance of
4 surviving an incident of cardiac arrest, which decreases 7% to
5 10% with every minute that passes after a person's heart stops
6 beating; and

7 WHEREAS, Optimal AED placement allows a person to grab the
8 AED and return to the victim within 90 seconds; and

9 WHEREAS, Given that a person's chances of surviving a sudden
10 cardiac arrest decrease so rapidly, it is important that AEDs
11 are readily available; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
13 week of February 21 through 27, 2016, as "Automated External
14 Defibrillator (AED) Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.