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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 22, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 2, 2016, as "Nonketotic Hyperglycinemia
2 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Nonketotic hyperglycinemia (NKH), also known as
4 glycine encephalopathy, is a severe and rare disorder resulting
5 from the inability to break down glycine, a neurotransmitter,
6 which leads to a buildup of glycine in the blood and spinal
7 fluid affecting nervous tissues, including the brain, causing
8 seizures, breathing and feeding difficulties, muscle limpness
9 and lethargy; and

10 WHEREAS, NKH usually becomes apparent after birth and many
11 babies with the disorder do not survive infancy; and

12 WHEREAS, NKH affects 1 out of every 60,000 births and there
13 are fewer than 500 children worldwide living with NKH; and

14 WHEREAS, There is currently no cure for NKH and there are
15 very few treatment options available; and

16 WHEREAS, It is of vital importance to raise awareness of this

1 disease; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 2,
3 2016, as "Nonketotic Hyperglycinemia Awareness Day" in
4 Pennsylvania; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
6 importance of raising awareness of nonketotic hyperglycinemia in
7 order to improve the lives of those affected by it.