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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 6, 2015, as "Wishbone Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, "Wishbone Day" began in 2010 and is an international  
3 awareness effort for osteogenesis imperfecta (OI); and

4 WHEREAS, OI is a genetic disorder characterized by fragile  
5 bones that break easily and is also known as "brittle bone  
6 disease"; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition to fractures, people with OI often have  
8 muscle weakness, hearing loss, fatigue, joint laxity, curved  
9 bones, scoliosis, blue sclerae, dentinogenesis imperfecta  
10 (brittle teeth) and short stature; and

11 WHEREAS, OI is caused by a mutation in a gene that affects  
12 the body's production of the collagen found in bones and other  
13 tissue; and

14 WHEREAS, Genetic testing is available to confirm a diagnosis  
15 of OI through collagen or gene analysis, where a skin or blood  
16 sample is used to study the amount of type 1 collagen, or to do  
17 a DNA analysis; and

1       WHEREAS, There are eight types of OI that range in severity  
2 from a lethal form to a milder form with few visible symptoms,  
3 and a person with mild OI may experience a few fractures, while  
4 those with the severe forms may have hundreds of fractures in a  
5 lifetime; and

6       WHEREAS, The number of people affected with OI in the United  
7 States is thought to be 20,000 to 50,000, with 80% to 85% caused  
8 by a dominant gene and 10% to 15% a result of a recessive  
9 mutation; and

10       WHEREAS, Life expectancy is not affected in people with mild  
11 or moderate symptoms, but life expectancy may be shortened for  
12 those with more severe symptoms, with respiratory failure being  
13 the most frequent cause of death for people with OI, followed by  
14 accidental trauma; and

15       WHEREAS, Although there are treatments that focus on  
16 minimizing fractures and maximizing mobility and independent  
17 function, there is currently no cure; therefore be it

18       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 6, 2015, as "Wishbone  
19 Day" in Pennsylvania to bring awareness to OI and people who are  
20 diagnosed with the condition.