THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 159 Session of 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2019 as "Limb Loss Awareness
2   Month" in Pennsylvania.

3   WHEREAS, More than 2 million Americans of all ages, races and

4 genders have had amputations, and another 28 million Americans

5 are at risk for amputation; and

6   WHEREAS, Each day, more than 500 Americans lose a limb; and

7   WHEREAS, Limb loss is a lifetime condition, and the general

8 public is largely unaware of the many challenges faced by the

9 amputee community; and

10   WHEREAS, Limb loss can result in emotional, physical and

11 financial stress; and

12   WHEREAS, The leading causes of amputation are vascular

13 disease, trauma and cancer; and

14   WHEREAS, Prosthetic devices can be quite costly and often

15 need to be replaced every few years; and

1   WHEREAS, Individuals afflicted with limb loss must overcome

2 many challenges; and

3   WHEREAS, The physical effects of limb loss may be the most

4 visible, but many times the emotional difficulties surpass the

5 physical impediments; therefore be it

6   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the

7 month of April 2019 as "Limb Loss Awareness Month" in

8 Pennsylvania; and be it further

9   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all

10 Pennsylvanians to recognize the importance of this month,

11 celebrate individuals with limb loss who are living full and

12 productive lives, express gratitude to caregivers who are a

13 source of support and motivation and salute combat amputees who

14 have lost their limbs in service to our country.