

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Pennsylvania Cystic Fibrosis, Inc., for its
2 extraordinary efforts over the past 30 years in raising
3 awareness of cystic fibrosis, providing support and financial
4 assistance to affected families and supporting progressive
5 research for a cure.

6 WHEREAS, Cystic fibrosis (CF) is the most common fatal
7 genetic disease; and

8 WHEREAS, CF causes severe damage to the lungs and digestive
9 system; and

10 WHEREAS, Founded on October 2, 1985, Pennsylvania Cystic
11 Fibrosis, Inc., (PACFI), an independent, nonprofit volunteer
12 organization, provides services and supports for individuals and
13 families affected by CF throughout this Commonwealth and funds
14 some of the nation's most progressive research; and

15 WHEREAS, PACFI's financial assistance provides air
16 conditioners, portable nebulizers, generators, CF-related
17 equipment, medications, transplant expenses not covered by
18 insurance, scholarships for individuals with CF who want to
19 continue their education and educational books about CF for

1 Pennsylvania, 30 other states and Canada donate \$1 from every
2 Burke P. Bear sold to PACFI for its Million Dollar Bear
3 campaign; and

4 WHEREAS, Burke P. Bear has toured 23 countries and all 50
5 states since 1997 and, in collaboration with Cystic Fibrosis
6 Worldwide, has helped to create an international awareness of CF
7 in addition to raising funds; and

8 WHEREAS, PACFI has raised more than \$565,000 for CF research
9 through its Million Dollar Bear campaign, Burke P. Bear's tour
10 and donations; and

11 WHEREAS, Burke P. Bear received Certificates of Merit from
12 the United States House of Representatives, the Massachusetts
13 State Senate, the City of Lubbock, Texas, and the City of
14 Auburn, Massachusetts, for his CF work and has been dubbed by a
15 British publication as the "Globe-trotting Ambassador of Love";
16 and

17 WHEREAS, PACFI celebrates its 30th anniversary in October
18 2015; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize PACFI
20 for its extraordinary efforts over the past 30 years in raising
21 awareness of cystic fibrosis, providing support and financial
22 assistance to affected families and supporting progressive
23 research for a cure.