THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, APRIL 22, 1998

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Memorializing the President of the United States and the
- 2 Congress of the United States to enact H.R. 953, the Ovarian
- 3 Cancer Research and Information Amendments of 1997, to
- 4 authorize \$90 million to conduct ovarian cancer research.
- 5 WHEREAS, It is estimated that 26,800 new cases of ovarian
- 6 cancer developed in the United States in 1997; and
- WHEREAS, Ovarian cancer caused approximately 14,200 deaths in
- 8 1997; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Ovarian cancer ranks second among gynecological
- 10 cancers in the number of new cases each year and causes more
- 11 deaths than any other cancer of the female reproductive system;
- 12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, Approximately 78% of ovarian cancer patients survive

- 1 longer than one year after diagnosis and more than 46% of these
- 2 patients survive longer than five years after diagnosis; and
- 3 WHEREAS, If diagnosed and treated before the cancer spreads
- 4 outside of the ovary, the five-year survival rate is 92%, but
- 5 approximately only 24% of all cases of ovarian cancer is
- 6 detected at this stage; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Ovarian cancer research is desperately needed to
- 8 serve as encouragement to more women to undergo screening tests
- 9 earlier as well as to reduce the medical costs associated with
- 10 later discovery; and
- 11 WHEREAS, H.R. 953 in the House of Representatives of the
- 12 United States, to be known as the Ovarian Cancer Research and
- 13 Information Amendments of 1997, would authorize \$90 million to
- 14 conduct ovarian cancer research; therefore be it
- 15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
- 16 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the President of the
- 17 United States and the Congress of the United States to enact
- 18 H.R. 953, the Ovarian Cancer Research and Information Amendments
- 19 of 1997; and be it further
- 20 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
- 21 the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of
- 22 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from
- 23 Pennsylvania.