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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 8, 2002

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2002 as "Menopause Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Menopause, in the year 2002, has affected 50 million
4 American women, including more than 2,039,350 women in this
5 Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Menopause has already affected millions more women,
7 and according to the American College of Obstetricians and
8 Gynecologists, "the result will be a national health concern of
9 dramatic proportions, unless women are better educated about the
10 changes of menopause and the measures that can prolong and
11 enhance their lives"; and

12 WHEREAS, Without proper treatment by a trained physician or
13 nurse practitioner, premenopausal and postmenopausal women can
14 experience osteoporosis or cardiovascular disease and other

1 health risks; and

2 WHEREAS, Estrogen depletion, which occurs in menopause,
3 results in an increase in cardiovascular disease and
4 osteoporosis, resulting in more than 530,000 deaths of women per
5 year; and

6 WHEREAS, These numbers could reach staggering proportions
7 with the aging of the Baby Boom generation; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
9 month of October 2002 as "Menopause Awareness Month" in
10 Pennsylvania; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
12 the American Menopause Foundation, Inc., a not-for-profit,
13 national network of women, families, corporations and health
14 care professionals committed to research, education, public
15 awareness and advocacy for all women.