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OCTOBER 30, 2007

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 30, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 2007 as "National Diabetes Month."

2 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth recognizes the importance of
3 diagnosing and treating diabetes effectively; and

4 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth recognizes the importance of
5 promoting diabetes awareness and education; and

6 WHEREAS, The most recent statistics regarding expenditures
7 nationwide for the direct and indirect treatment of diabetes
8 reflect costs of \$132 billion; and

9 WHEREAS, In the United States 14.6 million cases are

1 diagnosed, and 6.2 million cases go undiagnosed, making diabetes
2 the sixth leading cause of death; and

3 WHEREAS, Approximately 1.5 million people are diagnosed with
4 diabetes across the nation each year; and

5 WHEREAS, Nearly 21 million children and adults have diabetes
6 in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, In the United States, 7% of the general population,
8 13.3% of the African-American population, 9.5% of the Hispanic
9 population and 15.1% of the Native-American population have
10 diabetes, and each year 12,000 to 24,000 people lose their
11 eyesight nationwide; and

12 WHEREAS, Diabetes is the leading cause of new blindness in
13 people 20 to 74 years of age; and

14 WHEREAS, Other complications of diabetes include heart
15 disease, stroke, kidney disease, nerve disease and amputation;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Control of blood glucose levels in people with
18 diabetes has been shown to dramatically decrease the likelihood
19 of the occurrence of complications, thus improving the patients'
20 quality of life and decreasing health care expenditures; and

21 WHEREAS, Education concerning diabetes is critical in raising
22 awareness and in managing diabetes with a healthy lifestyle; and

23 WHEREAS, November 2007 has been designated as "National
24 Diabetes Month" throughout the United States; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
26 November 2007 as "National Diabetes Month" to highlight the
27 value of education in providing diabetes treatment, which is
28 cost effective and improves the quality of life for people with
29 diabetes; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That people with diabetes, their families and

1 friends and health care professionals in this Commonwealth be
2 urged to utilize this month to increase awareness and
3 understanding of diabetes so that in the future people with
4 diabetes will be better able to care for their own needs and
5 others will be better prepared to serve the needs of people with
6 diabetes.