

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 617 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY CLYMER, BAKER, BEYER, BISHOP, BOBACK, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, COHEN, CONKLIN, CREIGHTON, DALEY, DePASQUALE, DONATUCCI, FLECK, FRANKEL, GALLOWAY, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HELM, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HESS, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, KULA, MAJOR, McILHATTAN, MILLARD, MILNE, MOUL, MUSTIO, NAILOR, D. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PARKER, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, RAMALEY, RAPP, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SWANGER, TRUE, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, WATSON, J. WHITE, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, FABRIZIO, K. SMITH AND THOMAS, MARCH 5, 2008

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 5, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of March 16 through 22, 2008, as "MPS Week"  
2 in Pennsylvania in memory of Ryan Taylor Mask of  
3 Sellersville, Bucks County.

4 WHEREAS, Mucopolysaccharidoses (MPS) are rare inherited  
5 metabolic disorders affecting 1 in 25,000 people; and

6 WHEREAS, MPS symptoms are not apparent at birth; and

7 WHEREAS, MPS irreversibly damages the liver, spleen, heart  
8 and brain; and

9 WHEREAS, MPS impairs speech and hearing; and

10 WHEREAS, Some affected children develop severe retardation;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Few children with MPS reach adulthood; and

13 WHEREAS, Research has yielded limited federally approved drug

1 treatments for some MPS disorders; and

2 WHEREAS, Enzyme replacement therapy and stem cell  
3 transplantation are experimental treatments; and

4 WHEREAS, Early detection and early intervention by parents,  
5 teachers and medical providers can improve the quality of life  
6 of children with MPS; and

7 WHEREAS, The National MPS Society supports research funding,  
8 services, public awareness and scholarship programs; and

9 WHEREAS, Ryan Taylor Mask's family has hosted eight annual  
10 five-kilometer races in Sellersville, raising tens of thousands  
11 of dollars on behalf of the National MPS Society; and

12 WHEREAS, Ryan, son of Stephen Girard and Dorothy Jean Mask,  
13 died January 12, 2008, at 17 years of age; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
15 week of March 16 through 22, 2008, as "MPS Week" in Pennsylvania  
16 in memory of Ryan Taylor Mask of Sellersville, Bucks County; and  
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
19 the family of Ryan Taylor Mask.