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INTRODUCED BY MELLOW, KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, STOUT, WASHINGTON,
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O'PAKE, LOGAN, FOLMER, ERICKSON, D. WHITE, C. WILLIAMS,
TOMLINSON, GREENLEAF, EARLL, ROBBINS AND PILEGGI,
MARCH 12, 2007

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2007 as "Deep Vein Thrombosis
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania in memory of journalist
3 David Bloom.

4 WHEREAS, Deep vein thrombosis is a condition that occurs when
5 a blood clot forms in one of the large veins, which may result
6 in a fatal pulmonary embolism; and

7 WHEREAS, Deep vein thrombosis is a serious but preventable
8 medical condition; and

9 WHEREAS, Deep vein thrombosis occurs in approximately 2
10 million Americans each year; and

11 WHEREAS, Fatal pulmonary embolism causes more deaths each
12 year than breast cancer and AIDS combined; and

13 WHEREAS, Complications from deep vein thrombosis take up to
14 200,000 American lives each year; and

15 WHEREAS, Fatal pulmonary embolism may be the most common
16 preventable cause of hospital death in the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, Risk factors for deep vein thrombosis include cancer

1 and certain heart or respiratory diseases; and

2 WHEREAS, Pulmonary embolism is the leading cause of maternal
3 death associated with childbirth; and

4 WHEREAS, According to a survey conducted by the American
5 Public Health Association, 74% of Americans are unaware of deep
6 vein thrombosis; and

7 WHEREAS, National Broadcasting Company correspondent David
8 Bloom died of a fatal pulmonary embolism while covering the war
9 in Iraq; and

10 WHEREAS, Melanie Bloom, widow of David Bloom, and more than
11 35 members of the Coalition to Prevent Deep-Vein Thrombosis are
12 working to raise awareness of this silent killer; and

13 WHEREAS, The designation of March as "Deep Vein Thrombosis
14 Awareness Month" in honor of David Bloom would raise public
15 awareness about this life-threatening but preventable condition;
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of March 2007
18 as "Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania to
19 honor the memory of David Bloom; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania officially
21 recognize the importance of raising awareness of deep vein
22 thrombosis; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
24 the Coalition to Prevent Deep-Vein Thrombosis.