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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2007 as "Parkinson's Disease  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is believed to affect  
4 approximately 1 million people in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Approximately 40% of persons with Parkinson's  
6 disease are under 60 years of age; and

7 WHEREAS, The cause of Parkinson's disease remains unclear,  
8 but scientists believe that environmental factors trigger the  
9 disease in people with a genetic susceptibility; and

10 WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease has been described as being the  
11 opposite of Alzheimer's disease: while Alzheimer's destroys the  
12 mind, leaving the body intact and functioning, Parkinson's  
13 destroys motor systems but allows mental function; and

14 WHEREAS, The two most prevalent types of Parkinson's disease  
15 are early-onset Parkinson's disease and late-onset Parkinson's  
16 disease; and

1       WHEREAS, Early-onset Parkinson's disease begins before age 50  
2 and accounts for 5% to 10% of all cases; and

3       WHEREAS, Late-onset Parkinson's disease starts at age 50 or  
4 older and accounts for most cases of the disease; and

5       WHEREAS, Presently there is no cure for Parkinson's disease;  
6 therefore be it

7       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2007  
8 as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.