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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 13, 2007, as "Prematurity Awareness Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania and encouraging efforts to fund research and  
3 programs to find causes of prematurity.

4 WHEREAS, Premature birth is the number one killer of newborns  
5 in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Nearly half a million babies are born prematurely  
7 every year, including more than 16,000 in Pennsylvania, and the  
8 number is rising; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the March of Dimes, in 2005 the annual  
10 societal economic cost associated with preterm birth in the  
11 United States was at least \$26.2 billion; and

12 WHEREAS, Most people are unaware of this common, serious and  
13 costly problem or the enormous emotional toll on families; and

14 WHEREAS, The March of Dimes is leading a national effort to  
15 save babies from premature birth by funding research to find the  
16 causes and by supporting local programs offering hope and help  
17 to families with a baby in intensive care; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate November 13, 2007, as

1 "Prematurity Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania and encourage  
2 efforts to fund research and programs to find causes of  
3 prematurity.