THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 246

Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY CURRY, BAKER, BELFANTI, BEYER, BUXTON,
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SIPTROTH, SONNEY, SWANGER, TRUE, WALKO, WATSON, KOTIK,
CLYMER, SANTONI, HICKERNELL, MAHONEY, BRENNAN, MUNDY,
WHEATLEY, STEVENSON, VULAKOVICH AND MILLARD, APRIL 22, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 22, 2009

A RESOLUTION

- Designating the month of April 2009 as "Hemophilia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, Hemophilia is a genetic disorder that impairs the
- 4 body's ability to control bleeding; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Hemophilia is defined as excessive, uncontrollable
- 6 bleeding because of a missing or low-level clotting factor in
- 7 the blood; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Bleeding may occur even when there is no injury and
- 9 most often occurs in the joints and in the head; and
- 10 WHEREAS, There are approximately 18,000 United States
- 11 citizens with hemophilia, and each year approximately 400 babies
- 12 are born with the disorder; and
- 13 WHEREAS, There are approximately 1,700 citizens of this
- 14 Commonwealth living with hemophilia; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Hemophilia affects males almost exclusively and is
- 2 found in all populations; and
- 3 WHEREAS, There is no cure for hemophilia, a lifelong
- 4 condition that must be controlled with intravenous infusion of
- 5 factor replacement therapies; therefore be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
- 7 month of April 2009 as "Hemophilia Awareness Month" in
- 8 Pennsylvania.