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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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STERN, SWANGER AND VULAKOVICH, JUNE 8, 2009

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE 8,  
2009

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 10, 2009, as "Epilepsy Awareness Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Epilepsy is a neurological condition sometimes  
4 referred to as a seizure disorder and is characterized by  
5 recurring seizures; and

6 WHEREAS, Epilepsy is more common than breast cancer and takes  
7 more lives each year; and

8 WHEREAS, Up to 50,000 Americans die each year from seizures  
9 and related causes, including Sudden Unexplained Death in  
10 Epilepsy; and

11 WHEREAS, There are more people affected by epilepsy than  
12 multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy and  
13 Parkinson's disease combined; and

1       WHEREAS, Up to 3% of the population will develop epilepsy  
2 before 75 years of age; and

3       WHEREAS, Epilepsy affects more than 200,000 Pennsylvanians  
4 and their families; and

5       WHEREAS, The Epilepsy Foundation in Pennsylvania is dedicated  
6 to ensuring that all people with seizures are able to  
7 participate in all life experiences; and

8       WHEREAS, The Epilepsy Foundation in Pennsylvania works to  
9 control, prevent and cure epilepsy through services, education,  
10 advocacy and research; and

11       WHEREAS, The prevention and control of epilepsy can be  
12 achieved through community education and awareness programs; and

13       WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has supported the creation and  
14 expansion of local epilepsy support services and awareness  
15 programs through Federal and State appropriations; therefore be  
16 it

17       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate June  
18 10, 2009, as "Epilepsy Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.