

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 935 Session of
2010

INTRODUCED BY DRUCKER, BAKER, BARRAR, BEYER, BISHOP, BROOKS,
CALTAGIRONE, DONATUCCI, FREEMAN, GEORGE, GINGRICH, HENNESSEY,
KORTZ, MCGEEHAN, MILLARD, MOUL, PAYNE, PEIFER, ROCK, ROSS,
SWANGER, TRUE, KIRKLAND, SANTONI, GOODMAN, FLECK, PALLONE,
SIPTROTH AND MANN, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 13 through 19, 2010, as "Miles
2 of Pillowcase Smiles Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, ConKerr Cancer is an organization founded by Gavin
4 and Cindy Kerr in memory of their son, Ryan, who was diagnosed
5 with a rare bone cancer at 12 years of age; and

6 WHEREAS, During the week of September 13th, ConKerr Cancer
7 provides bright and cheerful pillowcases for seriously ill
8 children in hospitals across the United States, Canada, South
9 Africa, the United Kingdom and Israel; and

10 WHEREAS, In just over two years, ConKerr Cancer has provided
11 more than 240,000 pillowcases to children in more than 203
12 hospitals; and

13 WHEREAS, Numerous church groups, sewing circles, schools and
14 fabric stores have joined the organization in making these
15 pillowcases; and

16 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, ConKerr Cancer serves children at

1 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Children's Hospital of
2 Pittsburgh, Janet Weis Children's Hospital at Geisinger, St.
3 Christopher's Hospital for Children, Shriners Hospitals for
4 Children, Penn State Hershey Medical Center, Lehigh Valley
5 Hospital and Reading Hospital and Medical Center, and has plans
6 to expand; and

7 WHEREAS, The National Cancer Institute invests more than \$4.8
8 billion a year on cancer research, with significantly less spent
9 on helping families cope with the experience of having a
10 seriously ill child; and

11 WHEREAS, Cancer is the leading cause of death by disease
12 among children between infancy and 15 years of age; and

13 WHEREAS, Each year in the United States, more than 8,500
14 children under 15 years of age are diagnosed with pediatric
15 cancer, with the average being two years of age; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania experienced more than 500 cancer deaths
17 in children under 18 years of age in 2007; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
19 importance of raising awareness of pediatric cancer and the
20 importance of providing support to families coping with
21 seriously ill children; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
23 week of September 13 through 19, 2010, as "Miles of Pillowcase
24 Smiles Week" in Pennsylvania.