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SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, FEBRUARY 20, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 21 through 27, 2009, as
2 "Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Mitochondrial disease comprises a panoply of
4 progressive, neurodegenerative syndromes affecting multiple
5 organ systems and causing mild to severe disabling neurological
6 complications; and

7 WHEREAS, Research has found that 1 in 2,000 people are
8 affected by a mitochondrial disease; and

9 WHEREAS, Research suggests that genetic defects in the
10 mitochondria may be linked to many chronic diseases associated
11 with age-related degeneration such as cancer, Alzheimer's
12 disease, Parkinson's disease and heart disease; and

13 WHEREAS, Mitochondrial disease can affect any person, any
14 organ, at any age, and at present, there is no cure or effective
15 therapy for mitochondrial disease; and

16 WHEREAS, Organizations such as the United Mitochondrial
17 Disease Foundation provide much-needed support for families

1 coping with mitochondrial disease, encourage innovative research
2 of mitochondrial disease on several levels and sponsor more than
3 20 chapters and support groups throughout the United States;
4 therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of September 21
6 through 27, 2009, as "Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week" in
7 Pennsylvania and urge all citizens of this Commonwealth to
8 become better informed about mitochondrial disease and its
9 impact.