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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of June 1 through 7, 2011, as "CPR and AED
2 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Heart disease affects men, women and children of
4 every age and race in the United States and it continues to be
5 the leading cause of death in America; and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately 295,000 out-of-hospital cardiac
7 arrests are treated by emergency medical services annually
8 nationwide; and

9 WHEREAS, Roughly 92% of sudden cardiac arrest victims die
10 before being discharged from a hospital; and

11 WHEREAS, Sudden cardiac arrest results from an abnormal heart
12 rhythm in most adults, often ventricular fibrillation; and

13 WHEREAS, Unfortunately, only 32% of out-of-hospital cardiac
14 arrest victims receive bystander cardiopulmonary resuscitation
15 (CPR); and

1 WHEREAS, Prompt delivery of CPR more than doubles a cardiac
2 arrest victim's chance of survival by helping to maintain vital
3 blood flow to the heart and brain, increasing the amount of time
4 in which an electric shock from a defibrillator may be
5 effective; and

6 WHEREAS, An automated external defibrillator (AED), even when
7 used by a bystander, is safe, easy to operate and, if used
8 immediately after the onset of sudden cardiac arrest, highly
9 effective in terminating ventricular fibrillation so the heart
10 can resume a normal, effective rhythm; and

11 WHEREAS, For every minute without bystander CPR, survival
12 from witnessed cardiac arrest decreases by 7% to 10%; and

13 WHEREAS, The interval between the 911 telephone call and the
14 arrival of emergency medical services personnel is usually
15 longer than five minutes and a cardiac arrest victim's survival
16 is likely to depend on a public trained in CPR and AED use and
17 access to these lifesaving measures; and

18 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association, the American Red
19 Cross and the National Safety Council are preparing a public
20 awareness and training campaign on CPR and AED use to be held
21 during the first week of June 2011; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
23 week of June 1 through 7, 2011, as "CPR and AED Awareness Week"
24 in Pennsylvania; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the good
26 work of the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross
27 and the National Safety Council; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That all Pennsylvanians be encouraged to become
29 properly trained in CPR and AED usage.