

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 650 Session of 2012

INTRODUCED BY CURRY, BAKER, BARRAR, BEAR, BISHOP, BRENNAN, BROOKS, BROWNLEE, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, COHEN, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, CUTLER, DAVIS, DeLUCA, DIGIROLAMO, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, FLECK, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRELL, HARHAI, HARHART, HARKINS, HARPER, HELM, HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, KILLION, KIRKLAND, KOTIK, LONGIETTI, MAJOR, MALONEY, MANN, MATZIE, MILLARD, MILLER, MURT, MYERS, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, RAVENSTAHL, READSHAW, ROCK, ROEBUCK, ROSS, SAINATO, SANTARSIERO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SONNEY, STABACK, SWANGER, TALLMAN, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WATERS, WATSON AND YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 30, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 30, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2012 as "Hemophilia Awareness
2 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, More than 20,000 United States citizens have been
11 diagnosed with hemophilia, and each year approximately 400
12 babies are born with the disorder; and

1 WHEREAS, One thousand seven hundred citizens of this
2 Commonwealth are living with hemophilia; and

3 WHEREAS, Hemophilia affects males almost exclusively and is
4 found in all populations; and

5 WHEREAS, There is no cure for hemophilia, a lifelong
6 condition that must be controlled with intravenous infusion of
7 factor replacement therapies; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
9 month of April 2012 as "Hemophilia Awareness Month" in
10 Pennsylvania.