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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2011 as "Arthritis Awareness Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Arthritis is one of the most common chronic health
4 problems in the United States and the leading cause of limited
5 joint movement; and

6 WHEREAS, Roughly 46 million Americans, including an estimated
7 one in five adults, have arthritis; and

8 WHEREAS, Arthritis causes severe pain, swelling and limited
9 movement in joints and connective tissue throughout the body;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Osteoarthritis, fibromyalgia and rheumatoid
12 arthritis are the most prevalent forms of this painful
13 inflammatory disease; and

14 WHEREAS, The specific cause of arthritis is unknown for most
15 forms of the disease; and

16 WHEREAS, The prevalence of arthritis is higher among women;
17 and

1 WHEREAS, The annual economic impact of arthritis in the
2 United States includes more than \$86.2 million in medical care
3 and lost wages; and

4 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and treatment is recommended to
5 minimize the toll of arthritis; and

6 WHEREAS, Treatment may include a combination of medication,
7 exercise, rest, use of heat and cold, joint protection and
8 surgery in some cases; and

9 WHEREAS, Public awareness of arthritis symptoms and treatment
10 options is important in the fight against the disease; therefore
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of May 2011 as
13 "Arthritis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.