
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 445 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY V. BROWN, HENNESSEY, KIM, VEREB, MCNEILL,
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BROWNLEE, CRUZ, MILLARD, KINSEY, KORTZ, SANTARSIERO,
K. BOYLE, HAGGERTY, CALTAGIRONE, FREEMAN, YOUNGBLOOD, MURT,
MAHONEY, GINGRICH AND MIRABITO, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing the Sickle Cell Disease Association
2 of America, Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Chapter, for their
3 many worthwhile and significant endeavors, including its 16th
4 Annual Walter E. Brandon Sickle Cell 5K Walk/Run.

5 WHEREAS, Sickle cell disease affects individuals from al
6 walks of life within our society; and

7 WHEREAS, The Sickle Cell Disease Association of America,
8 Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Chapter, will hold its 16th Annual
9 Walter E. Brandon Sickle Cell 5K Walk/Run on September 28, 2013,
10 in Philadelphia; and

11 WHEREAS, The Sickle Cell Disease Association of America,
12 Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Chapter, was founded in 1982 by the
13 Reverend Walter E. Brandon and Willie J. Hubert, who devoted
14 their lives to providing hope and inspiration to innumerable
15 individuals and families; and

16 WHEREAS, Following the Reverend Walter E. Brandon's passing
17 due to his complications and battle with sickle cell disease,

1 the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America Board of
2 Directors named the association's annual 5K walk/run in memory
3 of his lifelong mission and commitment to advocacy in the sickle
4 cell community; and

5 WHEREAS, The month of September is recognized as Sickle Cell
6 Awareness Month and during this time the Sickle Cell Disease
7 Association of America, Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Chapter,
8 holds the Walter E. Brandon Sickle Cell 5K Walk/Run to raise
9 funds to carry out its mission and create public awareness about
10 sickle cell disease, the sickle cell trait and the importance of
11 testing; and

12 WHEREAS, Sickle cell disease is a global disease affecting
13 approximately 80,000 people in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, Although persons of African descent are
15 disproportionately afflicted with sickle cell disease, it is not
16 exclusive to any one particular race or ethnicity, as evidenced
17 by its detection in persons of Mediterranean, Hispanic, Asian,
18 Sicilian, Greek, Italian, Indian and Turkish descent; and

19 WHEREAS, The Sickle Cell Disease Association of America's
20 Project Self-Care promotes self-empowerment in the care and
21 management of patients' medical treatment, personal growth,
22 quality of life and understanding of sickle cell disease through
23 education; and

24 WHEREAS, The Sickle Cell Disease Association of America,
25 Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Chapter, has done an extraordinary
26 job in serving the sickle cell community by providing invaluable
27 resources and assistance to children, adolescents, adults and
28 families affected by sickle cell disease/sickle cell trait in
29 Philadelphia, Bucks, Delaware, Chester and Montgomery Counties;
30 and

1 WHEREAS, For more than three decades, the Sickle Cell Disease
2 Association of America has made a significant and positive
3 impact upon the lives of countless Pennsylvanians in the
4 Philadelphia/Delaware Valley region affected by sickle cell
5 disease; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend and
7 recognize the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America,
8 Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Chapter, for their many worthwhile
9 and significant endeavors, including its 16th Annual Walter E.
10 Brandon Sickle Cell 5K Walk/Run; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage
12 widespread participation and support of the 16th Annual Walter
13 E. Brandon Sickle Cell 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, September 28,
14 2013, in Philadelphia.