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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 14, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 2014 as "Cancer Caregivers Recognition Month" in
2 Pennsylvania and honoring the vital role caregivers play in
3 the lives of cancer patients.

4 WHEREAS, The National Cancer Institute reports that
5 approximately 1.6 million new cases of cancer are expected to be
6 diagnosed in the United States in 2014; and

7 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that 79,920
8 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in Pennsylvania in 2014,
9 and many cancer patients will require support from unpaid
10 caregivers; and

11 WHEREAS, Known as family caregivers or lay caregivers, unpaid
12 caregivers are primarily a spouse, partner or adult child. Close
13 friends, coworkers and neighbors often fill this role when
14 family is not nearby; and

WHEREAS, Families provide about 80% of home-care services;
and

WHEREAS, Lay caregivers are an important part of the health
care team and provide a complex array of support tasks that
extend across physical, psychological, spiritual and emotional
domains; and

WHEREAS, Caring for an individual with cancer can be very
stressful and exhausting, requiring emotional, spiritual and
physical strength; and

WHEREAS, Caregiver stress may continue after the patient's
treatment ends as roles change again. Some caregivers may
experience problems in adjustment after treatment is completed;
and

WHEREAS, The support of family, friends, employers, coworkers
and the community is key to assist caregivers in taking care of
themselves both during caregiving and after caregiving ends; and

WHEREAS, Many caregivers find satisfaction in providing care
for a loved one with cancer, finding it a means of expressing
love and respect for that person; and

WHEREAS, Many cancer patients are deeply grateful to the
caregivers for the love and dedication, weathering the
challenges and setbacks of cancer treatment and sharing the
triumphs with them; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May
2014 as "Cancer Caregivers Recognition Month" in Pennsylvania;
and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor all cancer
caregivers for their strength, love and unwavering support for
their loved one with cancer and urge all citizens to show their
support and appreciation for cancer caregivers across this

1 Commonwealth.