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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 28, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2016 as "Fibromuscular Dysplasia
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Fibromuscular Dysplasia (FMD) is a disease that
4 causes abnormal cell growth of the arterial wall and can lead to
5 areas of narrowing, beading, aneurysms and tearing of the
6 arterial wall; and

7 WHEREAS, FMD patients present the same symptoms that affect
8 much of the general population, including hypertension,
9 headaches and dizziness; and

10 WHEREAS, There has been little progress in understanding the
11 disease since it was first diagnosed in 1938; and

12 WHEREAS, There is no known cause or cure for the disease, and
13 there are no set protocols for its treatment; and

14 WHEREAS, FMD is classified as a rare disease, though many

1 researchers believe it is underdiagnosed; and

2 WHEREAS, Women comprise 90% of patients diagnosed with FMD;

3 and

4 WHEREAS, Individuals and families affected by FMD often
5 experience isolation, difficulty in obtaining accurate and
6 timely diagnosis and less than optimal treatment options, and
7 often they must educate their own physicians about the disease;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The Fibromuscular Dysplasia Society of America
10 (FMDSA) was founded in March 2003 and over the past 13 years has
11 been active and successful in raising public and physician
12 awareness of the disease, increasing patient support and working
13 with researchers around the world; and

14 WHEREAS, FMDSA is also funding the United States Registry of
15 Fibromuscular Dysplasia; and

16 WHEREAS, FMDSA is organizing a global observance of FMD to
17 have patients, medical professionals and researchers join
18 together to focus attention on FMD as a public health issue;
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
21 month of March 2016 as "Fibromuscular Dysplasia Awareness Month"
22 in Pennsylvania.