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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 29, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2016 as "Cancer Caregivers
2 Recognition Month" in Pennsylvania and honoring the vital
3 role caregivers play in the lives of cancer patients.

4 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that there
5 will be 1,685,210 new cases of cancer diagnosed in the United
6 States in 2016, with 83,560 new cases in Pennsylvania; and

7 WHEREAS, Known as family caregivers or lay caregivers, unpaid
8 caregivers are usually spouses, partners or adult children, with
9 close friends, coworkers and neighbors often filling this role
10 when family members are not nearby or are unavailable; and

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

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

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

5 WHEREAS, Caregiver stress may continue after the patient's
6 treatment ends as roles change again, and some caregivers
7 experience problems adjusting after treatment is completed; and

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

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

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

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
19 month of May 2016 as "Cancer Caregivers Recognition Month" in
20 Pennsylvania; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor all cancer
22 caregivers for their strength, love and unwavering support for
23 their loved ones with cancer and urge all residents to show
24 their support and appreciation for cancer caregivers across this
25 Commonwealth.