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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 23, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of June 2016 as "Cancer Survivors
2 Recognition Month" in Pennsylvania and honoring all cancer
3 survivors for their strength and courage in the face of this
4 devastating illness.

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

8 WHEREAS, As a result of advances in early detection and
9 treatment, cancer has become a curable disease for some and a
10 chronic illness for many others; and

11 WHEREAS, A cancer survivor is anyone living with a history of
12 cancer from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of
13 life; and

14 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society and the National Cancer

1 Institute estimate that 14.5 million Americans with a history of
2 cancer were alive in January 2014; and

3 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
4 reports that there are 643,350 cancer survivors in Pennsylvania;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Cancer survivors come in many forms: parent, child,
7 grandparent, family member, friend, coworker or neighbor; and

8 WHEREAS, Cancer survivorship has three distinct phases:
9 living with cancer, living through cancer and living beyond
10 cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, Survivorship can be both stressful and hopeful and
12 surviving cancer can leave a host of problems in its wake; and

13 WHEREAS, Physical, emotional and financial hardships often
14 persist for years after diagnosis and treatment; and

15 WHEREAS, Many cancer survivors are deeply grateful to their
16 caregivers, family, friends, health care providers and
17 communities for their love, dedication and support as they
18 battle cancer; and

19 WHEREAS, Despite the fear, the challenges and the setbacks,
20 life after a cancer diagnosis can be meaningful, productive and
21 even inspiring and triumphant; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
23 month of June 2016 as "Cancer Survivors Recognition Month" in
24 Pennsylvania in celebration of life; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor all cancer
26 survivors and urge all residents to pause and honor those who
27 are living with a history of cancer for their strength, courage
28 and inspiration.