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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 8, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of February 26 through March 4, 2017, as
2 "Eating Disorders Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Eating disorders, such as bulimia, binge eating
4 disorder and anorexia, are serious illnesses that involve
5 extreme emotions, attitudes and behaviors concerning food,
6 exercise and body image; and

7 WHEREAS, Contrary to common stereotypes, eating disorders
8 affect all kinds of individuals, regardless of gender,
9 ethnicity, age, socioeconomic status, sexuality or background;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Thirty million Americans will struggle with an
12 eating disorder at some point in their lives; and

13 WHEREAS, Individuals with eating disorders have a higher
14 mortality rate than individuals with mental illnesses; and

15 WHEREAS, Those who suffer from eating disorders often live in

1 the shadows and do not get the treatment and support they
2 deserve; and

3 WHEREAS, Eating disorders are potentially life-threatening
4 and have great impact on an individual's physical and emotional
5 health; and

6 WHEREAS, Individuals, families and communities are often
7 unaware of the devastating mental and physical consequences of
8 eating disorders; and

9 WHEREAS, In the United States, 20 million women and 10
10 million men suffer from clinically significant eating disorders
11 at some point in their life; and

12 WHEREAS, Eating disorders include anorexia nervosa, bulimia
13 nervosa and binge eating disorders; and

14 WHEREAS, The National Eating Disorders Association strives to
15 address the many misconceptions regarding eating disorders and
16 highlight the availability of resources for treatment and
17 support; and

18 WHEREAS, During "National Eating Disorders Awareness Week,"
19 volunteers, including eating disorder professionals, health care
20 providers, students, educators, social workers and other
21 individuals, work collaboratively to raise awareness of the
22 dangers surrounding eating disorders and the need for early
23 intervention and treatment access; and

24 WHEREAS, The goal of "National Eating Disorders Awareness
25 Week" is to put the spotlight on eating disorders and improve
26 public understanding of the causes, dangers and treatments; and

27 WHEREAS, Millions of individuals across the country suffer
28 from eating disorders, but by increasing awareness and access to
29 resources, we can encourage early detection and intervention;
30 therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
2 week of February 26 through March 4, 2017, as "Eating Disorders
3 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.