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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 24, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 29, 2017, as "Psoriasis Day" in Pennsylvania
2 on behalf of the many individuals who suffer from psoriasis
3 and psoriatic arthritis.

4 WHEREAS, Psoriasis is a common autoimmune disease that
5 appears on the skin as red, itchy and scaly patches, affecting
6 7.5 million Americans and 125 million individuals worldwide; and

7 WHEREAS, Numerous studies have concluded that psoriasis is
8 linked to many other serious medical conditions, including
9 psoriatic arthritis, cardiovascular disease, cancer and
10 lymphoma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, obesity and
11 metabolic syndrome, diabetes, depression, sexual dysfunction and
12 sleep apnea; and

13 WHEREAS, An observational study conducted by the American
14 Medical Association found that patients with psoriasis have an
15 increased risk of peripheral vascular disease, cerebrovascular
16 disease and ischemic heart disease; and

1 WHEREAS, The Department of Dermatology at the University of
2 Pennsylvania established a link between severe psoriasis and an
3 approximately 50% increased risk for cardiovascular disease and
4 that the risk of death from major adverse cardiovascular events
5 increases by 57% for individuals living with severe psoriasis;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The International Federation of Psoriasis
8 Associations (IFPA) is a nonprofit organization of psoriasis
9 support organizations around the world advocating for improved
10 medical care and increased research programs, and educating the
11 public about this disease; and

12 WHEREAS, The IFPA has celebrated "World Psoriasis Day"
13 annually since 2004 to rally support for psoriasis sufferers and
14 discuss significant issues affecting the world's psoriasis
15 community; and

16 WHEREAS, By establishing "World Psoriasis Day," IFPA hopes to
17 raise awareness, improve access to treatment, increase
18 understanding and build unity among the general public and
19 individuals afflicted with psoriasis; and

20 WHEREAS, The National Psoriasis Foundation (NPF) is the
21 leading organization in the nation advocating on behalf of
22 individuals suffering from psoriasis and raising funds for
23 research programs focused on finding a cure for this condition;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, The NPF also represents the United States in the
26 IFPA; and

27 WHEREAS, October 29, 2017, marks the 13th anniversary of
28 "World Psoriasis Day" designated by the IFPA in order to
29 increase public awareness of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis;
30 therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October
2 29, 2017, as "Psoriasis Day" in Pennsylvania in support of the
3 efforts of the advocacy groups in Pennsylvania, across the
4 nation and around the world that are dedicated to raising public
5 awareness about this serious condition.