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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 12, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of June 2017 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 1,688,780 new cases of cancer diagnosed in the United
7 States in 2017; 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
15 Institute estimate that 15.5 million Americans with a history of

1 cancer were alive in January 2016; and

2 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
3 reports that there are 711,240 cancer survivors in this
4 Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, A cancer survivor can be your parent, child,
6 grandparent, family member, friend, coworker or neighbor; and

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

10 WHEREAS, Survivorship can be both stressful and hopeful; and

11 WHEREAS, Surviving cancer can leave a host of problems in its
12 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 2017 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.