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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 2017 as "Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia
 2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH) is
 4 characterized by the abnormal development of the diaphragm
 5 before birth, resulting in defects ranging from a thinned area
 6 in the diaphragm to its complete absence; and

7 WHEREAS, At approximately eight weeks' gestation, the
 8 diaphragm fails to fully form, allowing abdominal organs to
 9 shift into the chest cavity and preventing lung growth; and

10 WHEREAS, CDH affects approximately 1 in 2,500 newborns; and

11 WHEREAS, There is no known cause of or cure for CDH; and

12 WHEREAS, CDH is fatal for approximately 50% of newborns with
 13 the condition; and

14 WHEREAS, Newborns with CDH often endure multiple surgeries
 15 and possible medical complications beyond the diagnosis,
 16 including asthma, heart defects, pulmonary complications,

1 gastric and intestinal problems and developmental delays; and

2 WHEREAS, Newborns may require long-term respiratory and
3 medicinal support; and

4 WHEREAS, CHERUBS, the world's first and largest CDH charity,
5 is working with families in the United States and worldwide to
6 raise awareness in April by hosting events and wearing the CDH
7 Awareness Ribbon to express the need for research funding; and

8 WHEREAS, "Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month" is
9 an opportunity to support children with CDH and their families,
10 honor those who have lost their lives to CDH, recognize those
11 who have survived CDH and advocate for urgently needed medical
12 research and advances; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April
14 2017 as "Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Month" in
15 Pennsylvania.