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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 15, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2018 as "Bladder Cancer Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 2018, an estimated 4,240 individuals will be
4 diagnosed with bladder cancer in this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, More than 500,000 individuals throughout the United
6 States live with bladder cancer; and

7 WHEREAS, Bladder cancer affects individuals of all ages and
8 backgrounds and is among the top 10 cancers with the highest
9 incidence rates in the United States, with Pennsylvania ranked
10 sixth in new cases of bladder cancer diagnosed as of 2018; and

11 WHEREAS, Bladder cancer is known as one of the most expensive
12 cancers to treat on a per-patient basis, with a recurrence rate
13 of approximately 50% to 80%, and requires lifelong surveillance;
14 and

1 WHEREAS, While bladder cancer symptoms, such as blood in
2 urine, are easily recognized, many people are unaware of the
3 threat of bladder cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, If diagnosed early, bladder cancer is treatable; and

5 WHEREAS, If diagnosis and treatment are delayed, the life
6 expectancy of an individual with bladder cancer decreases; and

7 WHEREAS, Military veterans are more likely than nonveterans
8 to be diagnosed with bladder cancer; and

9 WHEREAS, Women are often diagnosed at a later stage of
10 bladder cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, Even when diagnosed at the same stage as men, women
12 have worse survival rates; and

13 WHEREAS, The quality of life for an individual with bladder
14 cancer depends on diagnostic and treatment developments and
15 research advancements; and

16 WHEREAS, There have been no new treatments developed for
17 bladder cancer in more than 20 years; and

18 WHEREAS, A lack of awareness about bladder cancer within the
19 medical community and general public has limited research
20 advancements for the disease; and

21 WHEREAS, Increased awareness promotes early diagnosis and
22 higher survival rates; and

23 WHEREAS, Increased awareness bolsters public support for
24 medical treatment; and

25 WHEREAS, Increased awareness generates greater funding for
26 innovative research and development relating to diagnostic tools
27 and treatment options; and

28 WHEREAS, Traditionally on the first Saturday in May,
29 survivors, caregivers and loved ones walk together throughout
30 the United States to raise awareness for bladder cancer; and

1 WHEREAS, The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network and its
2 community of patients, caregivers and specialists foster hope
3 and support, fund and conduct research and promote public
4 awareness of bladder cancer; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
6 month of May 2018 as "Bladder Cancer Awareness Month" in
7 Pennsylvania; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support the goals
9 and ideals of "Bladder Cancer Awareness Month"; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives call on the
12 residents of this Commonwealth to promote awareness of bladder
13 cancer, foster an understanding of the impact of the disease,
14 take an active role in the fight to end bladder cancer and
15 observe "Bladder Cancer Awareness Month" with appropriate
16 ceremonies and activities.