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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MAY 17, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2018 as "SPG47 Awareness Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, SPG47, also known as hereditary spastic paraplegia,  
4 type 47, is an ultra-rare neurodegenerative disease, with only  
5 20 confirmed cases worldwide; and

6 WHEREAS, There is no known cure for SPG47; and

7 WHEREAS, The disease is caused by a mutation of the AP4B1  
8 gene, which does not allow a child to produce a protein required  
9 for the proper functioning of the central motor neurons in the  
10 brain, delaying and eventually disabling the ability to walk;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, SPG47 affects two children in the United States, one  
13 of whom resides in this Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, More research is needed in order to create a  
15 treatment and discover a cure; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the

1 month of May 2018 as "SPG47 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania;  
2 and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That by bringing awareness to SPG47, those affected  
4 will feel supported by this Commonwealth through the search for  
5 a treatment and a cure.