THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION
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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JUNE 4, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of August 2019 as "Gastroparesis Awareness
2   Month" in Pennsylvania to improve our understanding and
3   awareness of this condition and encourage preventive
4   strategies.

5   WHEREAS, Gastroparesis is a chronic medical condition in

6 which the stomach cannot empty properly in the absence of any

7 observable blockage; and

8   WHEREAS, Gastroparesis can affect individuals of all ages,

9 but is four times more likely in women than men; and

10   WHEREAS, The symptoms of gastroparesis, which include nausea,

11 vomiting and inability to finish a normal-sized meal, can be

12 debilitating and sometimes life-threatening; and

13   WHEREAS, The condition can lead to malnutrition, severe

14 dehydration and difficulty managing blood glucose levels; and

15   WHEREAS, While there is no cure for gastroparesis, some

16 treatments, such as dietary measures, medications, procedures to

17 maintain nutrition and surgery, can help reduce symptoms; and

1   WHEREAS, Unfortunately, gastroparesis is a poorly understood

2 condition and as a result, patients often suffer from delayed

3 diagnosis, treatment and management of this disorder; and

4   WHEREAS, Further research and education are needed to improve

5 quality of life for this patient population; therefore be it

6   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the

7 month of August 2019 as "Gastroparesis Awareness Month" in

8 Pennsylvania to improve our understanding and awareness of this

9 condition and encourage preventive strategies; and be it further

10   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, in raising

11 awareness, hope to build a greater understanding of

12 gastroparesis and the struggles faced by individuals with the

13 condition.