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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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DUNBAR, BURNS, OTTEN, MILLARD, MURT, LONGIETTI, DIGIROLAMO,  
YOUNGBLOOD, READSHAW, SAYLOR, DEASY, DeLUCA AND HILL-EVANS,  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to direct the National  
2 Institutes of Health to conduct a comprehensive study on the  
3 causes of Ewing sarcoma.

4 WHEREAS, Ewing sarcoma is a cancerous tumor that occurs in  
5 bones or soft tissue, such as cartilage or nerves; and

6 WHEREAS, Ewing sarcoma is the second most common primary bone  
7 tumor in children and accounts for approximately 1% of all  
8 childhood cancer diagnoses; and

9 WHEREAS, There are several types of Ewing sarcoma, including  
10 Ewing sarcoma of bone, extraosseous Ewing sarcoma, peripheral  
11 primitive neuroectodermal tumor and Askin tumor; and

12 WHEREAS, It is estimated that 200 children are diagnosed with  
13 one of these types of tumors each year in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, From 2008 to 2017, there were 306 diagnosed Ewing's  
15 Family of Tumors cases in this Commonwealth; and

16 WHEREAS, Symptoms of Ewing sarcoma may include pain in the  
17 bone where the tumor is located, swelling in the area of the

1 tumor and tenderness to touch, fever, weak bones and decreased  
2 motor skills; and

3 WHEREAS, Ewing sarcoma is most common in people who are  
4 between 10 and 20 years of age, occurs slightly more often in  
5 males than in females and is more common among Caucasians than  
6 other ethnic groups; and

7 WHEREAS, The cause of Ewing sarcoma is unknown and although  
8 Ewing sarcoma arises from specific types of cells, it does not  
9 appear to be inherited; and

10 WHEREAS, As part of its mission statement, the National  
11 Institutes of Health has a goal to foster fundamental creative  
12 discoveries and innovative research strategies as a basis for  
13 protecting and improving the health of our nation and develop,  
14 maintain and renew scientific human and physical resources that  
15 will ensure our nation's capability to prevent disease;  
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
18 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United  
19 States to direct the National Institutes of Health to conduct a  
20 comprehensive study on the causes of Ewing sarcoma; and be it  
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
23 the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and  
24 Human Services, Director of the National Institutes of Health,  
25 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and  
26 each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.