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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY PUSKARIC, MILLARD, KORTZ, DIGIROLAMO, SONNEY,  
SCHMITT, LONGIETTI, BIZZARRO, BERNSTINE, MURT, BURNS, PYLE,  
KINSEY, RYAN, CALTAGIRONE, YOUNGBLOOD, PICKETT, READSHAW,  
HILL-EVANS, DEASY, JOZWIAK AND NEILSON, DECEMBER 10, 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, DECEMBER 10, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of March 2020 as "Amyloidosis Awareness  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Amyloidosis is a rare disease of which there are  
4 several types, one of which is similar to a blood cancer and  
5 another that is commonly inherited; and

6 WHEREAS, This combination of all types of amyloidosis affects  
7 approximately 10,000 people in the United States, 500 of whom  
8 live in Pennsylvania; and

9 WHEREAS, An abnormal protein either produced in the bone  
10 marrow or liver travels through the bloodstream, depositing as  
11 amyloid in various organs, primarily the heart, nervous system,  
12 intestines and kidneys, causing the organs to fail over time;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The medial length of survival for an amyloidosis  
15 patient who does not receive treatment is less than 3 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Many patients go undiagnosed every year and special  
17 initiatives, including this resolution, can raise public

1 awareness and save lives; and

2 WHEREAS, There have been advances in the treatment of  
3 amyloidosis that have extended life expectancy, but currently,  
4 there are no drugs approved for the destruction of amyloids; and

5 WHEREAS, The early diagnosis of amyloidosis in conjunction  
6 with prompt treatments not only improves the quality of life,  
7 but extends life expectancy; and

8 WHEREAS, There are a limited number of amyloidosis treatment  
9 centers in Pennsylvania that specialize in the diagnosis and  
10 treatment of amyloidosis patients, but fortunately, we have four  
11 world class centers, University of Pennsylvania, Allegheny  
12 General Hospital, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center -  
13 Hillman Cancer Center and University of Pittsburgh Medical  
14 Center - Heart and Vascular Institute; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
16 month of March 2020 as "Amyloidosis Awareness Month" in  
17 Pennsylvania.