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SCHWANK, OCTOBER 18, 2021

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, OCTOBER 18, 2021

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2021 as "Pregnancy and Infant  
2 Loss Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pregnancy and infant loss includes loss during and  
4 after pregnancy, stillbirths, neonatal death, miscarriage and  
5 Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS); and

6 WHEREAS, A miscarriage is the loss of a baby before the 20th  
7 week of pregnancy, and a stillbirth is the loss of a baby at 20  
8 weeks of pregnancy and later, and both of these experiences are  
9 pregnancy losses; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the American College of Obstetrics and  
11 Gynecology, as many as 26% of all pregnancies and up to 10% of  
12 clinically recognized pregnancies end in miscarriage; and

13 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and  
14 Prevention, stillbirth affects about 1% of all pregnancies in  
15 the United States, and there are approximately 24,000  
16 stillbirths reported each year; and

17 WHEREAS, According to the National Institute for Health, SIDS

1 is the sudden, unexplained death of an infant younger than one  
2 year of age that does not have a known cause even after a  
3 complete investigation and more than 1,000 infants die each year  
4 from SIDS; and

5 WHEREAS, The availability of information and support is of  
6 the utmost importance to the individuals and families who  
7 experience pregnancy and infant loss to better help them cope;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, A public that is informed and educated about  
10 pregnancy loss can better learn how to respond with compassion  
11 to affected individuals and families; and

12 WHEREAS, Professionals who come in contact with individuals  
13 who have suffered pregnancy loss, such as physicians, clergy,  
14 emergency medical technicians, funeral directors, police  
15 officers, public health nurses, educators and employers, can  
16 better serve families if they have better knowledge of  
17 miscarriage or pregnancy loss; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1988, October was officially proclaimed as  
19 "National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month" to  
20 recognize the grief of families, remember all of the pregnancies  
21 lost and increase awareness about pregnancy loss, and many  
22 organizations have continued to recognize the month of October  
23 in this way; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of October 2021  
25 as "Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.