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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 1, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the American Diabetes  
2 Association.

3 WHEREAS, Diabetes is a chronic disease that affects  
4 individuals substantially on a daily basis; and

5 WHEREAS, Individuals who have diabetes cannot make enough or  
6 properly use insulin, a hormone which is necessary for  
7 converting sugar, or glucose, into energy; and

8 WHEREAS, Elevated blood sugar levels are associated with a  
9 number of serious complications, such as heart attack, stroke,  
10 blindness, amputation and kidney disease; and

11 WHEREAS, In America, more than 1 in 5 health care dollars are  
12 spent on diabetes treatment; and

1       WHEREAS, The cost of diabetes in 2007 was estimated at \$174  
2 billion yearly and in 2012 the estimated cost was \$245 billion,  
3 a 41% increase over five years; and

4       WHEREAS, Diabetes costs companies, on average, \$8,000 per  
5 year per diabetic worker; and

6       WHEREAS, As many as one in three Americans will have diabetes  
7 by 2050; and

8       WHEREAS, The year 2015 marks the 75th anniversary of the  
9 American Diabetes Association (ADA), an organization that funds  
10 research to prevent, cure and treat diabetes, provides  
11 information to physicians and their patients and advocates for  
12 people who are denied their rights because of their diabetes;  
13 and

14       WHEREAS, During this important milestone year, the ADA is  
15 honoring decades of progress in diabetes treatment, management  
16 and quality of life and the ADA's role in these advancements;  
17 and

18       WHEREAS, Throughout 2015, the ADA will create greater  
19 awareness of the seriousness of diabetes by acknowledging past  
20 discovery and improvement, while focusing on work that still  
21 needs to be accomplished; and

22       WHEREAS, For the first time in the Delaware Valley region,  
23 the ADA is convening a major public/private coalition of  
24 national and regional leaders with the goal of finding solutions  
25 to the urgent and devastating epidemic of diabetes; and

26       WHEREAS, The Philadelphia office of the ADA will host the  
27 ADA's 75th Anniversary and Awards Celebration at the National  
28 Constitution Center on October 7, 2015; and

29       WHEREAS, The event will highlight the valued national and  
30 regional leaders in our community who are making a difference,

1 and the 75 years of ADA discovery, innovation and progress;

2 therefore be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the

4 75th anniversary of the American Diabetes Association.