

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 126 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY GOODMAN, ADOLPH, BAKER, BENNINGHOFF, BIZZARRO, BOBACK, BROOKS, V. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, COHEN, SCHLEGEL CULVER, P. DALEY, DEASY, DeLUCA, DENLINGER, DiGIROLAMO, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, FLECK, FRANKEL, GABLER, GIBBONS, GILLEN, GINGRICH, HAHN, HARHAI, HARHART, HEFFLEY, HESS, KAVULICH, M. K. KELLER, KNOWLES, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MARSICO, MCCARTER, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MILLER, MOLCHANY, MURT, PEIFER, PICKETT, RAVENSTAHL, ROCK, ROEBUCK, ROSS, ROZZI, SONNEY, STERN, TALLMAN, VEREB, WATSON, WHITE AND YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 11, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 11, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the American Cancer Society for its commitment to  
 2 research and public service and designating the week of March  
 3 18 through 24, 2013, as "Daffodil Days Awareness Week" in  
 4 Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society is the largest source of  
 6 private, nonprofit cancer research funds in the United States,  
 7 second only to the Federal Government in dollars spent; and

8 WHEREAS, To date, the American Cancer Society has invested  
 9 more than \$3.6 billion in cancer research; and

10 WHEREAS, Currently in Pennsylvania, the American Cancer  
 11 Society is funding 55 research grants totaling more than \$31  
 12 million; and

13 WHEREAS, This investment in research is paying off, with the  
 14 five-year cancer survival rate now 67%, up from 49% in the

1 1970s; and

2 WHEREAS, Over the years and with funds raised from Daffodil  
3 Days, the American Cancer Society has made great strides in  
4 cancer research, including funding scientists who have  
5 discovered the Papanicolaou test, bone marrow transplant  
6 techniques, tamoxifen and Gleevec; and

7 WHEREAS, Daffodil Days is one of the American Cancer  
8 Society's oldest fundraising programs and has helped to empower  
9 people to make a difference in the fight against cancer; and

10 WHEREAS, Forty-six Nobel Prize winners were funded by the  
11 American Cancer Society at some point in their careers; and

12 WHEREAS, An estimated 79,560 people in this Commonwealth and  
13 an estimated 1,660,290 people nationwide will be diagnosed with  
14 cancer in 2013; and

15 WHEREAS, In the United States, men have slightly less than a  
16 one-in-two lifetime risk of developing cancer and women have a  
17 little more than a one-in-three lifetime risk, and therefore, it  
18 is imperative for the American Cancer Society to continue to  
19 expand flower sales and volunteer participation in Daffodil Days  
20 so that everyone can continue to work together toward a cancer-  
21 free society; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the  
23 American Cancer Society for its commitment to research and  
24 public service and designate the week of March 18 through 24,  
25 2013, as "Daffodil Days Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.