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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the residents of this Commonwealth to support the
2 efforts, programs, services and organizations that work to
3 enhance research and awareness of undifferentiated
4 pleomorphic sarcoma, a type of soft tissue sarcoma.

5 WHEREAS, There are approximately 50 different types of soft
6 tissue sarcomas; and

7 WHEREAS, Sarcoma is a type of cancer that develops from
8 certain tissues like bone or muscle; and

9 WHEREAS, Soft tissue sarcomas can develop from soft tissues
10 like fat, muscle, nerves, fibrous tissues, blood vessels or deep
11 skin tissues; and

12 WHEREAS, Signs and symptoms of soft tissue sarcomas include
13 swelling or a lump that has grown over a period of time,
14 abdominal pain, blood in stool or vomit and black, tarry stools;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma, previously
17 known as malignant fibrous histiocytoma, is a type of soft

1 tissue sarcoma that is most common in older adults and is often
2 found in the arms or legs but can also form internally at the
3 back of the abdomen; and

4 WHEREAS, Although undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma tends
5 to grow locally, it can spread to distant sites in the body; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the American Cancer Society,
7 approximately 12,310 new soft tissue sarcomas were diagnosed in
8 the United States and approximately 4,990 Americans died from
9 soft tissue sarcomas in 2016; and

10 WHEREAS, While scientists do not know what causes most cases
11 of soft tissue sarcoma, they have identified risk factors that
12 make a person more likely to develop the disease, which include
13 radiation, certain family cancer syndromes, a damaged lymph
14 system and exposure to certain chemicals; and

15 WHEREAS, The main types of treatment for soft tissue sarcoma
16 are surgery, radiation, chemotherapy and targeted therapy;
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, in order to
19 educate and increase understanding of the soft tissue sarcoma
20 known as undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma, urge the
21 residents of this Commonwealth to support the efforts, programs,
22 services and organizations that work to enhance research and
23 awareness of this disease.