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FEBRUARY 9, 2015

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FEBRUARY 9, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2015 as "Cancer Caregivers
2 Recognition Month" in Pennsylvania and honoring the vital
3 role caregivers play in the lives of cancer patients.

4 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society reports that
5 approximately 1.6 million new cases of cancer are expected to be
6 diagnosed in the United States in 2015, with 81,540 new cases in
7 Pennsylvania; and

8 WHEREAS, Known as family caregivers or lay caregivers, unpaid
9 caregivers are usually spouses, partners or adult children, and
10 close friends, coworkers and neighbors often fill this role when
11 family members are not nearby or are unavailable; and

12 WHEREAS, Families provide about 80% of home-care services;
13 and

1 WHEREAS, Caregivers are an important part of the health care
2 team and provide a complex array of support tasks that extend
3 across physical, psychological, spiritual and emotional domains;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Caring for an individual with cancer can be very
6 stressful and exhausting, requiring emotional, spiritual and
7 physical strength; and

8 WHEREAS, Caregiver stress may continue after the patient's
9 treatment ends as roles change again, and some caregivers
10 experience problems in adjustment after treatment is completed;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The support of family, friends, employers, coworkers
13 and the community is key to assist caregivers in taking care of
14 themselves both during caregiving and after caregiving ends; and

15 WHEREAS, Many caregivers find satisfaction in providing care
16 for a loved one with cancer, finding it a means of expressing
17 love and respect for that person; and

18 WHEREAS, Many cancer patients are deeply grateful to the
19 caregivers for the love and dedication, weathering the
20 challenges and setbacks of cancer treatment and sharing the
21 triumphs with them; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
23 month of May 2015 as "Cancer Caregivers Recognition Month" in
24 Pennsylvania; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor all cancer
26 caregivers for their strength, love and unwavering support for
27 their loved ones with cancer and urge all residents to show
28 their support and appreciation for cancer caregivers across this
29 Commonwealth.