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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 18, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 2014 as "Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome is a hormonal disorder
4 that affects as many as 5 million women in the United States;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, One of the leading causes of infertility, Polycystic
7 Ovarian Syndrome affects an estimated one in ten women of child
8 bearing age; and

9 WHEREAS, Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome is defined as the
10 presence of cysts on the ovaries combined with the absence of
11 ovulation; and

12 WHEREAS, While the cause of Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome is
13 unknown, most experts believe that several factors, including
14 genetics, could play a role; and

1 WHEREAS, Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome can begin in the teen
2 years with symptoms such as irregular or no menstrual periods,
3 acne, obesity, weight gain, inability to lose weight, breathing
4 problems while sleeping, depression, oily skin, infertility,
5 skin discolorations, high cholesterol levels, elevated blood
6 pressure, excess or abnormal hair growth and distribution, pain
7 in the lower abdomen and pelvis, multiple ovarian cysts and skin
8 tags; and

9 WHEREAS, Women with Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome have greater
10 chances of developing several serious health conditions,
11 including life-threatening diseases such as diabetes and heart
12 disease; and

13 WHEREAS, There is no known cure for Polycystic Ovarian
14 Syndrome, however, by changing lifestyle habits and making small
15 changes to diet and exercise, women afflicted with the disease
16 can not only feel better, but they can also improve their
17 chances of conception by 10%; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
19 September 2014 as "Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome Awareness Month"
20 in Pennsylvania.