

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 167 Session of 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 13, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 2015 as "Limb Loss Awareness Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Almost 2 million Americans of all ages, races and
4 genders have had amputations and another 28 million Americans
5 are at risk for amputation; and

6 WHEREAS, Each day, more than 500 Americans lose a limb; and

7 WHEREAS, Limb loss is a lifetime condition and the general
8 public is largely unaware of the many challenges faced by the
9 amputee community; and

10 WHEREAS, Limb loss can result in emotional, physical and
11 financial stress; and

12 WHEREAS, Limb loss can arise from many factors including
13 vascular deficiencies, bone malignancies, congenital defects or
14 as the result of an accident; and

15 WHEREAS, Prosthetic devices can be quite costly and often

1 need to be replaced every few years; and

2 WHEREAS, Individuals afflicted with limb loss must overcome
3 many hurdles; and

4 WHEREAS, The physical effects of limb loss may be the most
5 visible, but many times the emotional difficulties surpass the
6 physical impediments; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
8 2015 as "Limb Loss Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.