House Resolution 1758

By: Representatives Buckner of the 130th, Day of the 163rd, Walker of the 107th, Cooper of the 41st, Bell of the 58th, and others

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing and commending the Lighthouse Lymphedema Network; and for other
 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lymphedema is swelling in the body as the result of an accumulation of fluid 4 in body tissue which is caused by a genetic condition or the disruption of the lymphatic

5 system's ability to clean and filter lymph in the body; and

6 WHEREAS, Lymphedema can occur at any time in a person's life after an initial injury to7 the lymphatic system; and

8 WHEREAS, if this problem is not treated properly, it can progress and cause a high risk of 9 infection, result in expensive hospitalization and antibiotic treatments, and lead to disability 10 or death; and

WHEREAS, Lymphedema requires life-long management, and proper treatment forLymphedema can greatly increase a patient's quality of life; and

13 WHEREAS, the Lighthouse Lymphedema Network is a nonprofit organization of individuals

14 who are lymphedema patients, or who have an interest in lymphedema; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Lighthouse Lymphedema Network is to educate, promote awareness, and provide support for lymphedema patients, the medical community, family and caregivers, insurance companies, the general public, and lymphedema support groups; and

WHEREAS, the Lighthouse Lymphedema Network will visit the capitol on March 24, 2010,
to meet with legislators and their staff, educate the members of the General Assembly and
the public on living with Lymphedema, and bring hope and support to Lymphedema
sufferers and their families.

- 23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 24 the members of this body commend the efforts of the Lighthouse Lymphedema Network to
- 25 support and advocate on behalf of Lymphedema patients and welcome this fine organization
- to the state capitol.
- 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Lighthouse
- 29 Lymphedema Network.