

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

In the House, March 13, 2001

Whereas, A large percentage of the student population of our country is deficient in mathematics, science and technology opportunities; and

Whereas, The discoveries and knowledge gained from space exploration and satellite technology development are valuable education tools not adequately utilized in the classrooms; and

Whereas, The increasing application of space technology to everyday life and industry requires an adequate work force; and

Whereas, Students are more receptive to learning that incorporates hands-on activities and real-life situations; and

Whereas, Exemplary programs such as Unionville High School's Earth and Space Science Program and West Chester University's Educational Center for Earth Observation Systems need to be replicated across this Commonwealth; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives designate March 4 through 10, 2001, as "Space, Satellite and Technology Week" in Pennsylvania in recognition of many educational activities planned in this Commonwealth to celebrate our commitments to space exploration and excellence in education.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 80, introduced by Representatives Thomas A. Jangretti, Chris Ross, Jeffrey W. Coy, Craig A. Dally, David G. Argall, Fred Belardi, Robert J. Belfanti, Jr., Mario J. Civera, Mark B. Cohen, Nicholas A. Colafella, Thomas C. Corrigan, Sr., Lawrence H. Curry, Mary Ann Dailey, Peter J. Daley, H. William De Weese, Dan B. Frankel, Camille George, John R. Gordner, Richard Grucela, Timothy F. Hennessey, Susan Laughlin, Beverly Mackereth, Sandra Major, David J.

Long Term Care Workforce Proclamation

Whereas,

- ... The long term care profession is in the midst of a staffing recruitment and retention crisis that presents significant challenges, and threatens the availability and quality of care.
- ... This crisis is universal, and impacts every sector of the long term care continuum.
- ... No single entity acting alone can resolve the crisis.
- ...At least 16,000 additional direct caregivers will be required in order to permit access to care as the "baby boom" generation ages into the phase of life where long term care services are often necessary.
- ...Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry statistics have projected a 38% increase in positions that must be filled in nursing and personal care homes by the year 2005.
- ...Other home- and community-based long term care settings will also require a significant number of additional direct care workers in order to meet this growing demand.
- ...The population in Pennsylvania aged 65 and older is currently 16% of total population, with 11.5% of the most frail elderly over age 85.
- ...Pennsylvania's 65+ population will soon account for 20% of total population.
- ...The national average turnover rate for front line workers in long term care settings is more than 93%.
- ...It will be impossible for service providers to recruit and retain the additional personnel to meet this expanding need if the current recruitment and retention crisis is not addressed.
- ...The Pennsylvania Culture Change Coalition is a group that formed due to the participants' dedication to enhancing the lives of Pennsylvanians needing long term care services.
- ... This diverse group includes advocates, providers, organized labor and public officials who are committed to working in collaboration in this regard.
- ...The Pennsylvania Culture Change Coalition is a true demonstration of professional leaders seeking new approaches to recruitment and retention and identifying areas of common agreement.

Therefore,

- ...The Pennsylvania Culture Change Coalition has scheduled a "Commitment to Caring" rally for today, March 13, 2001, beginning at 12:00 noon at the rear entrance to the Capitol Building to encourage our elected leaders to familiarize themselves with the long term care services provided in the communities they represent.
- ...The rally is an effort to involve our elected leaders in finding innovative approaches through local awareness of the unique character of direct care giving and its importance to Pennsylvania's citizens.
- ...While the rally is not intended to advance any single solution, every elected leader is encouraged to become an involved partner with all of the stakeholders in finding new approaches to this critical situation.

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Matthew J. Ryan, Speaker



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

In the House, September 25, 2001

Whereas, Westmoreland County has a rich history and is home to many significant historical sites and museums; and

Whereas, Its citizens have helped shape national and global events since the 18th century; and

Whereas, The Westmoreland County Historical Society and the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg have initiated the annual Arthur St. Clair Lectureship each October to broaden public understanding of county history; and

Whereas, The Westmoreland County Historical Society has established the Arthur St. Clair Heritage Preservation Awards presented each October; and

Whereas, October is "National Archaeology Month," and the Westmoreland County Archaeological Society is active in discovering the buried physical record of our past; and

Whereas, All citizens should become more knowledgeable about the history of counties in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

Resolved, That October 2001 be commemorated as "Westmoreland Heritage Month"; and be it further

Resolved, That Westmoreland County schools, libraries, historical sites and museums be encouraged to participate in a coordinated program of activities which feature county history.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 290, introduced by Representatives Tangretti, Petrarca, Harhai, Markosek, Pallone, Stairs, Casorio, and adopted by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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Matthew J. Ryan, Speaker

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Thereas, The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania is always pleased to acknowledge those individuals who, through their dedicated civic endeavors, contribute to the well-being of their communities and ultimately to all the people of this great Commonwealth; and

Hiperexs, The Honorable Thomas A. Tangretti, a member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania serving the 57th Legislative District, is being honored on October 15, 2003, by the Westmoreland County Historical Society as the worthy recipient of the Arthur St. Clair Historic Preservation Award; and

Hiperexs, Representative Tangretti has earned this recognition for his tireless support of local heritage and history projects and preservation. He has been involved in the Smart Growth Partnership of Westmoreland County; Westmoreland Heritage, which is a community partnership that promotes economic development and heritage tourism; and the Baltzer Meyer's Historical Society's Harrold No. 8 schoolhouse restoration and preservation project.

How therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates the Honorable Thomas A. Tangretti on the great honor bestowed upon him; offers best wishes for the continuation of his many worthwhile and beneficial endeavors;

And directs that a copy of this citation, sponsored by the Honorable Joseph A. Petrarca on October 7, 2003, be transmitted to the Honorable Thomas A. Tangretti.

seph A. Petrarca, Sponsor

John M. Perzel, Speaker of the House

Attest:

Ted Mazia, Chief Clerk of the House

Senate of Pennsylvania

HARRISBURG, PA

Congratulations

In the Senate, April 14, 2004

Whereas, The Konorable Thomas A. Tangretti, a member of the Kouse of Representatives of Pennsylvania serving the 57th Legislative District, is being honored by the Greater Westmoreland County Labor Council for his many dedicated efforts; and

Whereas, Currently in his eighth term, Representative Tangretti has focused much of his attention on improving State assistance for local communities, preserving and expanding State services for older citizens and keeping doctors practicing in Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, A graduate of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh, Representative Tangretti currently serves on the Appropriations, House Commerce and Economic Development, Insurance, Local Government and Policy Committees and is the Democratic Chairman of the Subcommittee on Economic Development. He is also a part of the Southwest, Sportsmen's, Pro-Life, Italian-American, Irish, Coal and Steel Caucuses within the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania. To his great credit, Representative Tangretti was named an associate member in the Fraternal Order of Police, General Greene Lodge No. 56. A dedicated supporter of his community and the rights of his constituents, Representative Tangretti was instrumental in expanding the State prescription assistance programs for senior citizens, PACE and PACENET and wrote a comprehensive medical malpractice bill which will protect the rights of both doctors and patients.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania heartily congratulates The Konorable Thomas A. Tangretti upon his well-deserved distinction; offers warmest wishes for every future success and happiness;

And directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Allen Kukovich, be transmitted to The Honorable Thomas A. Tangretti, 105 Station Place, 1001 Chalt Street, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Senator Allen Kukovich

Allest:

Mark R. Carrigan, Secretary



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR HARRISBURG

THE GOVERNOR

TO: THE HONORABLE THOMAS A. TANGRETTI

It gives me great pleasure to join with the Greater Westmoreland County Labor Council to honor your remarkable career and countless contributions to the people of our commonwealth.

As a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, you have had the unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of your fellow citizens. You have chosen to accept this responsibility and use your abilities and resources to become a tireless advocate for the improvement of local communities across our commonwealth. It is with great understanding, a talent for leadership, and passion for public service that you continually surpass the call of duty and have distinguished yourself as an individual of extraordinary character, talent, and skill.

Throughout your career you have gained the respect of labor and business leaders alike and have exemplified a commitment to both personal and professional excellence. You have demonstrated unyielding dedication to the economic development and improvement of the Greater Westmoreland County area and have helped to cultivate opportunity and prosperity across our commonwealth. The contributions you have made to your local unions, community, and our entire commonwealth have made a lasting impact in the lives of many of our state's citizens and will be an inspiration for years to come.

On behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I commend you for the outstanding leadership you provide as an advocate for the economic and social well being of your community and our commonwealth. Congratulations on receiving this honor from the Greater Westmoreland County Labor Council. I wish you the best of luck and great success as we work together to build a better future for Pennsylvania.

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Hiperexs, The Honorable Thomas A. Tangretti, a member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania representing the 57th Legislative District, is being honored during the Westmoreland Columbus 500 Annual Scholarship Banquet, which is being held on October 22, 2005; and

Hiperexs, A graduate of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Representative Tangretti earned a master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1977. A member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania since 1989, he currently serves on the Appropriations, House Commerce and Economic Development, Insurance and Consumer Affairs Committees and the Identity Theft Select Committee.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pays tribute to the Honorable Thomas A. Tangretti upon his richly deserved recognition; offers best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors;

And directs that a copy of this citation, sponsored by Representatives R. Ted Harhai, James E. Casorio, Jr., Joseph F. Markosek, John E. Pallone, Joseph A. Petrarca, James E. Shaner and Jess M. Stairs on October 18, 2005, be transmitted to the Honorable Thomas A. Tangretti.

R. Ted Harffai, Sponsor

James E. Casorio, Jr., Sponsor

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John M. Perzel, Speaker of the House

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