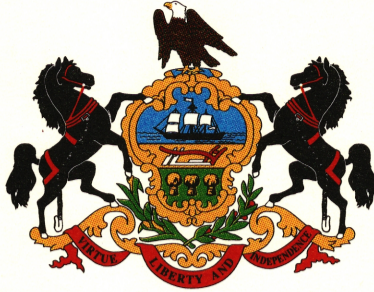


House of Representatives



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

In the House, October 16, 2001

Whereas, November 2001 is National Hospice Month; and

Whereas, Hospice care treats the person instead of the disease, focuses on the family in addition to the patient and emphasizes the quality of life instead of its duration; and

Whereas, Hospice care helps patients live fully during their final days by alleviating the fears associated with terminal illness such as dying in pain, being alone and becoming a burden to family members; and

Whereas, Hospice care allows terminally ill patients and their families to experience the end of life together in the comfort and security of home or homelike settings; and

Whereas, Hospice care uses the combined knowledge and skills of an interdisciplinary team of professionals, including physicians, nurses, home-care aides, social workers, spiritual caregivers, counselors and volunteers; and

Whereas, Hospice care is a compassionate, cost-effective alternative to services provided in hospitals and other institutional settings; and

Whereas, Approximately 25,000 patients were served by hospice programs in this Commonwealth in 2000, and the number grows annually; and

Whereas, An increase in public awareness and understanding of hospice care will better serve families facing a terminal illness in this Commonwealth and help ensure that hospice services are a guaranteed benefit for all citizens; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives declare November 2001 as "Pennsylvania Hospice Month"; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives urge all State agencies, health care organizations and providers, hospice providers and the people of this Commonwealth to observe "Pennsylvania Hospice Month" with appropriate programs and activities designed to educate and to encourage recognition of and support for hospice care as a valuable component of our health system.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 329, introduced by Representatives Scrimenti, Bebko-Jones, Mundy, Major, Lederer, George, Fairchild, Fichter, Markosek, Donatucci, Readshaw, Watson, Coy, Armstrong, James, Travaglio, Kaiser, Shaner, De Weese, Bishop, Rubley, Washington, Santoni, Pippy, Belfanti, Clark, Roebuck, Laughlin, Mann, E. Z. Taylor, Ross, Vance, Herman, Wojnaroski, Hershey, Figue, Melio, Josephs, Staback, Lescovitz, Cappelli, Schuler, M. Baker, Daley, Sturla, L. J. Cohen, Harhart, Hess, Youngblood, Rooney, Belardi, Frankel, Nailor, Steelman, Trich, Schroder, Hennessey, Sather, J. Taylor, Manderino, D. Evans, Solobay, Geist, Grucela, Harhai, Pickett, Browne, Benninghoff, Feese, Forcier, Pallone, Marsico, C. Williams, Hutchinson, Keller, Thomas, Horsey, Corrigan, J. Williams, McNaughton, and adopted by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



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