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"Taylor Will Chair House Health and Welfare Committee"

HARRISBURG -- Chester County Rep. Elinor Z. Taylor has been named the Republican chairwoman of the House Health and Welfare Committee for the 1991-92 legislative session. Appointment to the important post was made by House Republican Leader Matthew J. Ryan.

Taylor, recently re-elected to serve an eighth term representing the 156th Legislative District, said she welcomed the assignment and the many difficult issues that accompany it.

"This is a 'people-post,'" Taylor said of her new position. "Of all the assignments in the House, I sincerely believe that serving as chair of the Health and Welfare Committee is the one closest to and involved with the people of this state.

"From the nutrition needs of an expectant mother to those of a growing child, from the health care needs of the elderly to long-term care services for young and old, from public assistance efforts for those truly in need to health-care research and quality services for all Pennsylvanians, this committee is central to delivering essential services in an efficient and cost-effective manner," Taylor said. "Without a doubt, serving as chairwoman of this committee is a challenge. There are many needs, countless problems and an array of welfare and health issues that need the Legislature's attention."

The job will not be made any easier by the Commonwealth's mounting fiscal crisis, she said.

Issues that Taylor said will be on the committee's agenda throughout the 1991-92 session include:

- health care cost containment;
- reform of the mental health care system;
- review of the adequacy and efficiency of essential welfare benefits;
- health care for unemployed Pennsylvanians and their families; and
- how to fund needed programs and services amid the state's fiscal problems.

As Republican chairwoman of the committee, Taylor will work with the Health Department and the Department of Public Welfare. The latter, with a \$6 billion program budget of federal and state funds, is one of the largest state agencies in the nation.

"Anytime a government department attempts to address such a wide range of issues and concerns, bureaucracy is certain to impede progress," Taylor said. "The departments concerned have a pretty sound track record over the last decade but, nonetheless, the taxpayers of Pennsylvania can be assured that I will work fervently to ensure that programs are as streamlined and as cost-effective as possible. Waste is unacceptable."

The lawmaker said she plans to be prudent in evaluating her legislative agenda.

"Having successfully authored many health and welfare proposals over the years, I am very familiar with the needs as well as with government's limitations in addressing those needs," Taylor said. "As a new session begins, I again will assess the needs and the restraints within which they must be approached. Accordingly, I will be prudent but vigorous in dealing with the issues before this committee."

Taylor was chairwoman of the Federal-State Relations Committee during the 1989-90 session.

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

September 25, 1991

Suburban Advertiser
315 E. Lancaster Ave.
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Attention: Margie Ferguson

Dear Margie:

I would appreciate receiving a glossy print of the photo which appeared on page 3 of the Suburban Advertiser, September 19th showing U.S. Senatorial Candidate Dick Thornburgh at the rally while in West Chester.

If there is a charge for this, please bill me. Thank you.

Cordially,

Thursday, September 19, 1991 SUBURBAN ADVERTISER/363-2815 3



P.J. Reilly

U.S. SENATORIAL CANDIDATE DICK THORNBURGH joined dozens of Chester County Republicans on the steps of the county courthouse in West Chester Sept. 12 for a rally supporting his campaign and the campaigns of local Republicans running for office in the November elections. Thornburgh said he hopes "to ride the coattails" of the local Republicans to victory.

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Nov. 19, 1992

Casey Names Rep. Taylor to Welfare Dependency Task Force

HARRISBURG — Chester County Rep. Elinor Z. Taylor this week accepted Gov. Robert P. Casey's offer of appointment to serve on the newly-created Governor's Task Force to Reduce Welfare Dependency.

Casey appointed only two House members to the 20-member task force, naming Taylor based on her extensive work on welfare reform as Republican chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee. The task force is comprised of business, labor and community action leaders from across the state, as well as selected administration officials such as the secretaries of Education, Welfare, and Labor and Industry.

"As one who has invested considerable time in advancing proposals to bring about meaningful reform to Pennsylvania's welfare system, I truly welcome this appointment," Taylor said. "This move by the governor to create a special task force certainly should put meaningful welfare reform on a fast track for the first time in this administration's tenure, and that represents an important step forward."

Taylor said the task force appointment should give her an even greater platform to advance welfare reform plans aimed at protecting the rights of taxpayers and those Pennsylvanians who really do need government assistance.

"Reform of the welfare system has been blockaded far too long by the inability and the unwillingness of the legislative and executive branches to openly communicate and compromise on this key issue," Taylor said. "I believe the effort soon to be undertaken by this diverse task force will forge a new foundation on which the Legislature and the executive branch can build a viable reform program."

In issuing an executive order to establish the task force, Casey emphasized that his goal is to develop both short- and long-term recommendations capable of helping persons make the transition from welfare to work.

Casey has asked the task force to submit short-term recommendations by March 1, and a final report containing long-term reform recommendations by June 30.

Other persons serving on the task force include its chairman, Franklin Mont of the United Steelworkers of America; John Dankosky of the Pennsylvania Business Roundtable Association; Thomas Sommers of Pennsylvania Blue Shield; Phyllis Ryan of the Philadelphia Committee for the Homeless; and Dr. Michael Katz of the University of Pennsylvania.

"There appears to be great diversity on this task force, and that is very healthy," Taylor said. "Moreover, it's very evident to me that those who've accepted this assignment are seriously committed to meaningful welfare reform. Frankly, I can't wait to get down to business."

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Both Jennifer & I
nominated you - backup attached
Congratulations

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September 27, 1995

HONORABLE ELINOR Z. TAYLOR
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Dear HONORABLE TAYLOR:

Congratulations! We are pleased to notify you that you have been selected to be a member of the *Pennsylvania Honor Roll of Distinguished Women*. This year is the 75th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution-women's right to vote. As we reflect back on the hard work and dedication of notable women such as Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, we believe it is important to recognize that women today are distinguishing themselves with their own hard work and dedication.

The *Pennsylvania Honor Roll of Distinguished Women* is a compilation of 1,920 individual women who have distinguished themselves in their communities or their field of work and other endeavors and have made a difference for other women. The mission and focus of the Pennsylvania Commission for Women centers on support, education and communication between women as a means of achieving our successes. The *Honor Roll of Distinguished Women* is an important part of that goal.

The Nomination Committee has chosen your name as part of the "Initial 75" women who exemplify the characteristics of a distinguished woman. In conjunction with its celebration, DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY-BANNERS TO BALLOTS, the Commission for Women will complete the list of 1,920 names for the *Pennsylvania Honor Roll of Distinguished Women* by March of 1996.

*Pennsylvania Honor Roll
of Distinguished Women*
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In March, during Women's History Month, the Commission for Women will unveil the *Pennsylvania Honor Roll of Distinguished Women* in a special edition commemorative book. Please send a biography of yourself (photos are optional). It does not need to exceed a few paragraphs.

Enclosed you will find nomination forms for the *Honor Roll*. As a distinguished individual in your community, you may know of other women who are worthy of the honor. Please nominate qualified candidates; and, feel free to copy and distribute this information.

Congratulations! Please feel free to call the Commission at 717-783-2666 for further information.

Sincerely,



KAREN S. FLEISHER



ROSEMARY THOMPSON MCAVOY
Executive Directors

"THE SECRET OF JOY IS CONTAINED IN ONE WORD-EXCELLENCE. TO KNOW HOW TO DO
SOMETHING WELL IS TO ENJOY IT."

PEARL S. BUCK

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November 13, 1996

HARRISBURG - - Rep. Elinor Z. Taylor (R-156) today was re-elected Secretary of the 104-member House Republican Caucus for the 1997-1998 legislative session during its reorganization meeting.

"It is certainly my honor to continue as a member of the Republican team which will lead Pennsylvania into a bold new era of history in this Commonwealth," Taylor said. "I also am proud that my colleagues continue to have confidence in my abilities as a leader and a legislator."

Taylor, who when first elected to the position in 1994, serving in the 1995-96 session, became the first woman in three decades to hold a leadership position in the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

As Caucus Secretary, the Chester County lawmaker is the official recorder of House Republican activities, including all votes and elections. She also is responsible for overseeing the House Republican Member Services Department, coordinating as many as 400 research projects each year, including requests from constituents.

Being elected to serve as a member of House Leadership is desired by lawmakers because the leaders set public policy and the legislative agenda. Leadership positions include Speaker of the House, Majority Leader, Whip, caucus chairman, Policy Chairman, Administrator and Appropriations Chairman.

"This position enhances both my ability to address the issues important to Chester County and the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," Taylor said. "In addition, it also is important to me to be a voice for women in House leadership."

On November 5, the Chester County lawmaker was elected to serve her 11th term as a member of the House of Representatives. During her tenure in the House, Taylor has served as Minority Chair of the Health & Welfare Committee (1991-94) and the Federal-State Relations Committee (1989-1990). She was a member of the House Education Committee's subcommittee on Higher Education from 1989 to 1994. In addition to her position as Caucus Secretary, Taylor also serves on the House Rules Committee.

She is presently the chairwoman of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, the first woman to hold the position.

Taylor will officially resume her position when members of the House are sworn in on January 7, the first day of the 1997-98 legislative session.

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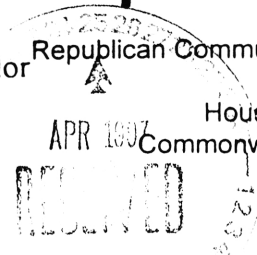
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Taylor Touts Arbor Day Festivities; Plants Tree in Hoopes Park

HARRISBURG - Rep. Elinor Z. Taylor (R-Chester) continued her annual tradition of recognizing Arbor Day, both in Harrisburg and in the West Chester area.

At the state Capitol, Taylor co-sponsored a resolution, which unanimously passed the House of Representatives, recognizing April 25, 1997 as Arbor Day and encouraging citizens of the Commonwealth to plant a tree.

“The resolution cites the importance of trees as a renewable source of food, fuel and lumber for man, a habitat for birds and wildlife and a natural producer of oxygen and water through the process of transpiration,” noted Taylor.

Locally, Taylor will join with members of the Junior New Century Club of West Chester on April 25 in planting a European Beech tree at Hoopes Park, West Chester. The tree will be planted to honor Barbara Bewley, for her active work in the community, particularly with the Henderson High School drama department.

“Trees are valuable component of our environment and in many ways represent the future of our planet,” said Taylor, a Junior New Century Club past president herself. “Arbor Day provides us with an opportunity to celebrate the significance of trees and to instill in our young people respect for our life-giving environment.”

Taylor has taken part in Arbor Day festivities every year for the past several years.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Rep. Elinor Z. Taylor (R-Chester) serves as Majority Caucus Secretary - the official recorder of House legislative activities. She is also the first woman to serve as chairman of board of directors of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA).


GENUARDI'S
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July 12, 1999

Sarah Finnaren
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Dear Sarah:

Enclosed are two copies of the photo taken last week with Rep. Taylor at Genuardi's in East Goshen. Pictured (left to right) are David Genuardi, Jim Genuardi, and Dave Evans, store manager.

Please extend our heartfelt appreciation to Rep. Taylor for presenting us with the citation for winning the 1999 Wharton School Family Business of the Year award. And, thank you for your assistance in organizing the photo.

Sincerely,

Maryanne Crager

Maryanne Crager
Public Relations Administrator

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