
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 361 Session of
1990

INTRODUCED BY STAIRS, ARGALL, JACKSON, NAILOR, HERMAN, DEMPSEY,
SAURMAN, MORRIS, TANGRETTI, HARPER, SEMMEL, LANGTRY, FARMER,
FAIRCHILD, KONDRICH, MELIO, PETRARCA, TIGUE, JOHNSON, CAWLEY,
GANNON, E. Z. TAYLOR, VROON, HESS, FOX, CIVERA, HAGARTY,
GRUPPO, BROUJOS, CLYMER, TELEK, BISHOP, RITTER, ITKIN,
CARLSON AND BELARDI, SEPTEMBER 25, 1990

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, SEPTEMBER 25, 1990

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the President of the United States to sign and the
2 United States Senate to further approve the document
3 ratifying the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the
4 Child.

5 WHEREAS, More than 40,000 children are dying daily of
6 malnutrition and preventable diseases, of which experts predict
7 that 100 million children might die in the next decade; and

8 WHEREAS, Various volunteer organizations in 15 countries will
9 hold simultaneous candlelight vigils this fall to call attention
10 to the plight of children around the world; and

11 WHEREAS, The candlelight ceremonies will serve as a prelude
12 to the World Summit on Children to be held September 29 and 30,
13 1990, at the United Nations; and

14 WHEREAS, The summit will bring together heads of government
15 to develop solutions to rising child and maternal mortality,
16 malnutrition, unsafe drinking water and waste disposal, low
17 birth weight, poverty, homelessness, inadequate access to basic

1 education and lack of protection from abuse; and

2 WHEREAS, The coalition of sponsoring organizations is urging
3 world leaders to ratify the United Nations Convention on the
4 Rights of the Child which, if ratified by 20 nations, would have
5 the force of international law; and

6 WHEREAS, The convention sets standards for the well-being of
7 children and calls for protection from abuse and exploitation
8 and for certain rights and basic education; and

9 WHEREAS, Six countries have ratified the treaty, the
10 executive branches of 60 others have signed it and are awaiting
11 legislative action, and the United States General Assembly
12 approved it last year; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
14 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the President of the United
15 States to sign the document ratifying the United Nations
16 Convention on the Rights of the Child and send it to the United
17 States Senate for ratification; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
19 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
20 member of Congress from Pennsylvania and to the President of the
21 United States.