

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY SIPTROTH, SCAVELLO, BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE, D. COSTA, DALEY, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GIBBONS, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HELM, HESS, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, KULA, MANN, MCCALL, MILLARD, MIRABITO, MOUL, OBERLANDER, PASHINSKI, PEIFER, QUINN, READSHAW, SAINATO, SANTONI, SAYLOR, STABACK, SWANGER AND VULAKOVICH, MARCH 24, 2010

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 24, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 25, 2010, as "Gregory W. Moyer Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, More than 250,000 Americans die each year from
4 sudden cardiac arrest; and

5 WHEREAS, The timing of treating individuals who are in sudden
6 cardiac arrest is critical, with the key to survival being in
7 the timely administration of CPR and the utilization of a
8 portable electronic device known as an automatic electronic
9 defibrillator (AED); and

10 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association estimates that as
11 many as 20,000 lives could be saved each year through the use of
12 an AED; and

13 WHEREAS, Gregory W. Moyer, known to friends and family as
14 Greg, was a member of the Notre Dame High School basketball team
15 when, during half time at his first varsity game, his heart

1 suddenly stopped beating as a result of an undetected condition,
2 and he passed away unexpectedly at 15 years of age on December
3 2, 2000; and

4 WHEREAS, The nearest hospital was more than 20 miles away and
5 it was more than 30 minutes before the first ambulance arrived,
6 which was not equipped with an AED. A second ambulance with a
7 defibrillator arrived approximately ten minutes later, but in
8 spite of the administration of CPR and the use of the AED, it
9 was too late to save Greg's life; and

10 WHEREAS, Greg's parents, John and Rachel Moyer, wanting to
11 spare other families the tragedy that they suffered, have
12 channeled their grief into educating the public about the
13 importance of AEDs and established the Gregory W. Moyer
14 Defibrillator Fund, the purpose of which is to raise money to
15 make AEDs available in schools, parks, churches and other public
16 places; and

17 WHEREAS, Though the tireless efforts of John and Rachel
18 Moyer, as well as hundreds of friends and supporters, the
19 Pennsylvania General Assembly enacted Act 4 of 2001, which
20 established a program in the Department of Education enabling
21 schools to obtain AEDs; and

22 WHEREAS, According to a September 2009 report issued by the
23 National Conference of State Legislatures, since 2001, all 50
24 states have enacted laws or adopted regulations to expand the
25 availability and broaden the use of AEDs; and

26 WHEREAS, The success of the work of John and Rachel Moyer can
27 be measured in the fact that the distribution of AEDs has become
28 so widespread that the cost has dropped from more than \$3,000
29 per device in 2001 to less than \$1,000 in 2003 when bids were
30 again issued as a result of Act 4; and

1 WHEREAS, Advances in technology developed by the Penn State
2 College of Medicine at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
3 enabled individuals to quickly locate AEDs as a result of the
4 college's work on an application for certain wireless handheld
5 devices; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
7 legacy of Gregory W. Moyer as saving countless lives through the
8 now widespread availability of AEDs in public places as a result
9 of the devoted labors of his family and thousands of others; and
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
12 25, 2010, as Gregory W. Moyer Day on what would have been his
13 25th birthday, and call to mind how his generosity of spirit has
14 been an inspiration to so many.