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## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging support of agencies dedicated to suicide prevention.

2 WHEREAS, The Surgeon General of the United States and  
3 Congress of the United States recognize suicide as a national  
4 problem and declare suicide prevention as a national priority,  
5 encouraging the development of an effective strategy for the  
6 prevention of suicide; and

7 WHEREAS, Suicide awareness campaigns alert professional,  
8 community and lay groups about the common signs and symptoms  
9 associated with suicidal behavior; and

10 WHEREAS, Better awareness that suicide is a serious public  
11 health problem results in knowledge which increases support for  
12 preventive interventions; and

13 WHEREAS, Increased awareness will help dispel myths about  
14 suicide, and suicide prevention will result in a decrease in the  
15 stigma of mental illness; and

16 WHEREAS, Volunteer agencies in this Commonwealth are

1 committed to reducing the number of suicides through education,  
2 public awareness and support services to those contemplating  
3 suicide; and

4 WHEREAS, An informed citizenry will lead to a change in  
5 public policy with focus on the importance of investing in  
6 suicide prevention efforts; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the  
8 residents of this Commonwealth to support the volunteer agencies  
9 that work to educate the public on the symptoms and risk factors  
10 associated with suicide and to provide support services  
11 dedicated to prevent suicides.