

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 724 Session of 2014

INTRODUCED BY HENNESSEY, SAMUELSON, BAKER, BISHOP, BIZZARRO, BROOKS, BROWNLEE, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, D. COSTA, DAVIS, DIGIROLAMO, ENGLISH, FLECK, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GROVE, HAHN, C. HARRIS, HEFFLEY, JAMES, KAVULICH, KIM, KINSEY, KORTZ, LUCAS, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MARSICO, MCNEILL, MILLARD, MIRABITO, MUSTIO, O'NEILL, PAINTER, PARKER, PASHINSKI, PICKETT, RAVENSTAHL, READSHAW, ROSS, SAINATO, SCHLOSSBERG, SNYDER, SONNEY, SWANGER, THOMAS, VEREB, WHITE, YOUNGBLOOD, GIBBONS AND DeLUCA, MARCH 18, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 18, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Department of Aging for 35 years of service to
2 the taxpayers of this Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, Act 70 of 1978 created the Pennsylvania Department
4 of Aging to provide programs intended to advocate for the needs
5 of Pennsylvania's older population and to enrich the quality of
6 life while assisting the individual to remain at home in the
7 community as long as possible; and

8 WHEREAS, On February 27, 1979, Gorham Black took the oath of
9 office to become the first Secretary of Aging and to implement
10 the provisions of Act 70; and

11 WHEREAS, To carry out Act 70, the Department of Aging works
12 with Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) throughout this Commonwealth
13 to provide programs and services for older adults, such as
14 nutritional meals, home-based and community-based programs, home

1 health and transportation; and

2 WHEREAS, Older adults in this Commonwealth are the roots from
3 which our State grows and they bestow the lessons of our shared
4 history by bringing their gifts of wisdom and insight to younger
5 generations, thus strengthening the bonds of understanding among
6 neighbors; and

7 WHEREAS, The Department of Aging has grown throughout these
8 35 years to meet the needs of our growing older population by:

9 (1) providing services to more than 1 million
10 individuals each year;

11 (2) implementing the premier pharmaceutical assistance
12 program, the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the
13 Elderly-PACE, in the country;

14 (3) initiating the first caregiver support program in
15 the nation; and

16 (4) offering Medicare counseling through a network of
17 volunteers for older Pennsylvanians and other programs; and

18 WHEREAS, It is estimated that by 2015, one in four
19 Pennsylvanians will be 60 years of age and older, and the
20 services of the Department of Aging will be available to provide
21 help and support for those in need; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
23 Department of Aging for 35 years of service to the taxpayers of
24 this Commonwealth and commend the Department of Aging for its
25 dedication and unfaltering action to achieve the mission of
26 enhancing the quality of life of older Pennsylvanians by
27 empowering diverse communities, the family and the individual;
28 and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Department of Aging be congratulated for
30 strengthening our communities and making this Commonwealth a

1 wonderful place to live and age well.