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OCTOBER 8, 2002

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring November 2002 as "Pennsylvania Hospice Month."

2 WHEREAS, Throughout the United States, November 2002 is being
3 recognized as National Hospice Month; and

4 WHEREAS, Hospice care treats the person instead of the
5 disease, focuses on the family in addition to the patient and
6 emphasizes the quality of life instead of its duration; and

7 WHEREAS, Hospice care helps patients live fully during their
8 final days by alleviating the fears associated with terminal
9 illness such as dying in pain, being alone and becoming a burden
10 to family members; and

1 WHEREAS, Hospice care allows terminally ill patients and
2 their families to experience the end of life together in the
3 comfort and security of home or homelike settings; and

4 WHEREAS, Hospice care uses the combined knowledge and skills
5 of an interdisciplinary team of professionals, including
6 physicians, nurses, home-care aides, social workers, spiritual
7 caregivers, counselors and volunteers; and

8 WHEREAS, Hospice care is a compassionate, cost-effective
9 alternative to services provided in hospitals and other
10 institutional settings; and

11 WHEREAS, Approximately 25,000 patients were served by hospice
12 programs in this Commonwealth in 2000, and the number grows
13 annually; and

14 WHEREAS, An increase in public awareness and understanding of
15 hospice care will better serve families facing a terminal
16 illness in this Commonwealth and help ensure that hospice
17 services are a guaranteed benefit for all citizens; therefore be
18 it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare November
20 2002 as "Pennsylvania Hospice Month"; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all State
22 agencies, health care organizations and providers, hospice
23 providers and the people of this Commonwealth to observe
24 "Pennsylvania Hospice Month" with appropriate programs and
25 activities designed to educate and to encourage recognition of
26 and support for hospice care as a valuable component of our
27 health system.