

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Extending condolences from the House of Representatives on the  
2 death of Sister Lawreace Antoun, president emerita of Villa  
3 Maria College and chairperson of the Pennsylvania Board of  
4 Education.

5 WHEREAS, Sister Lawreace Antoun was born in Meadville, the  
6 daughter of immigrants from Lebanon; and

7 WHEREAS, Sister Antoun, after graduation from St. Agatha High  
8 School, earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Villa Maria  
9 College, a master's degree in chemistry from Notre Dame  
10 University and was completing her Ph.D. dissertation at Notre  
11 Dame when she was named president of Villa Maria College in  
12 1966, a position she held until her retirement in 1988; and

13 WHEREAS, Sister Antoun was the recipient of numerous awards,  
14 including honorary doctorates from Mercyhurst College, Edinboro  
15 University, Gannon University, Marymount Manhattan College, the  
16 Pennsylvania College of Optometry and King's College, nomination  
17 by Governor Casey as a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania,  
18 the Alexis de Tocqueville Award, the Gannon University

1 Archbishop Gannon Medal of Honor and the Pennsylvania  
2 Association of Colleges and Universities Distinguished Friend of  
3 Education and Sheepskin awards; and

4 WHEREAS, Sister Antoun served on the Pennsylvania Board of  
5 Education since 1980 and was president of the board for the past  
6 six years; and

7 WHEREAS, Sister Antoun had served on the boards of Saint  
8 Vincent Health Center, Hamot Medical Center, the Middle States  
9 Association, the National Fuel Gas Company and the Educational  
10 Consulting Associates, Ltd.; and

11 WHEREAS, Sister Antoun was executive director of the McMannis  
12 Educational Trust Fund, a member of the long-range planning  
13 committee of the Middle States Association and an evaluator of  
14 the Middle States Commission on Higher Education; therefore be  
15 it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
17 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania extend its sincere condolences to  
18 the relatives, associates and friends of Sister Lawrence Antoun  
19 on their loss and the Commonwealth's of this distinguished  
20 Pennsylvania public servant.