
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WASHINGTON AND YOUNGBLOOD, MAY 12, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MAY 12, 1999

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Governor to allocate a portion of
2 Pennsylvania's share of the proceeds from the tobacco
3 industry litigation settlement to establish and fund a
4 compact with other states participating in the tobacco
5 industry litigation settlement utilizing their settlement
6 proceeds to fund cancer research grants.

7 WHEREAS, Tobacco use causes an estimated one in five deaths
8 in this Commonwealth annually; and

9 WHEREAS, Tobacco use is the leading cause of death in the
10 United States, claiming more lives than AIDS, car accidents,
11 alcohol, homicides, illegal drugs, suicides and fire combined;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth and 45 other states are on the
14 brink of reaching a historic \$11.2 billion litigation settlement
15 with the tobacco industry that will carry over for the next 25
16 years; and

17 WHEREAS, Cancer research is an appropriate use for some of
18 the proceeds from the tobacco industry litigation settlement,

1 and such use would benefit the citizens of this Commonwealth;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, An effective system for the allocation of cancer
4 research grants currently exists on the national level; and

5 WHEREAS, Other states participating in the tobacco industry
6 litigation settlement may share the Commonwealth's interest in
7 advancing medical research for cancer; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives memorialize the
9 Governor to allocate a portion of Pennsylvania's share of the
10 proceeds from the tobacco industry litigation settlement to
11 establish and fund a compact with the other states participating
12 in the tobacco industry litigation settlement utilizing their
13 settlement proceeds to fund cancer research grants; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That the research grants funded through that
16 compact advance a valid scientific purpose and not be duplicated
17 among the participating states; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the process for allocating research grants be
19 equitable in apportioning the funds to ensure that no state's
20 share exceeds that state's contribution.