

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 479 Session of 2011

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YOUNGBLOOD, CURRY AND DeLUCA, OCTOBER 26, 2011

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER
26, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of November 2011 as "National Family
2 Caregiver Month" in Pennsylvania, and commending the service
3 and dedication family caregivers provide to older, disabled
4 and infirm family and friends.

5 WHEREAS, More than 65 million people nationally provide care
6 to someone who is aged, chronically ill or disabled who have
7 limited ability to carry out daily living activities such as
8 bathing, managing medications or preparing meals; and

9 WHEREAS, Of all adults receiving long-term care at home, 78%
10 rely exclusively on family caregivers to provide assistance and
11 their involvement is critical to maintaining the independence of
12 those who need assistance; and

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has among the highest number of senior
14 citizens nationally and according to Children of Aging Parents,
15 a Pennsylvania caregiver organization, older adults who live at
16 home usually live longer and spend more time with their families

1 and communities, affording them a greater opportunity to
2 continue to enrich this Commonwealth by sharing their valuable
3 wisdom, life experiences and talents with other generations; and

4 WHEREAS, Primary caregivers who provide continuous care in
5 the home often gain a great deal of personal satisfaction, but
6 they can also experience physical, psychological and financial
7 stress and losses; and

8 WHEREAS, Most Pennsylvania caregivers have provided care to
9 an impaired or disabled person or know someone who has; and

10 WHEREAS, The value of the services family caregivers provide
11 nationally is estimated to be more than \$375 billion a year
12 which is nearly double for home care and nursing home services
13 combined; and

14 WHEREAS, Family caregivers are the foundation of long-term
15 care nationwide, exceeding Medicaid long-term care spending in
16 all states; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
18 month of November 2011 as "National Family Caregiver Month" in
19 Pennsylvania, and commend the service and dedication of this
20 Commonwealth's family caregivers who improve the lives of many
21 older, disabled and infirm Pennsylvanians.