THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 619 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY HENNESSEY, NEILSON, TOOHIL, MURT, DiGIROLAMO, BAKER, MILLARD, ENGLISH, KORTZ, V. BROWN, HELM, BOBACK, EVERETT, CALTAGIRONE, WARD, LONGIETTI, DAVIS, READSHAW, DUSH, SONNEY, MARSICO, SAYLOR, JOZWIAK, MENTZER, THOMAS, SCHLOSSBERG, WHEELAND, SCHWEYER, GAINLEY, P. COSTA, STEPHENS, M. K. KELLER, DRISCOLL, BRIGGS, GROVE, MEHAFFIE, SOLOMON, WARREN, PETRI, FRANKEL, BULLOCK AND KINSEY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, NOVEMBER 21, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 20th anniversary of Pennsylvania's Living Independence for the Elderly (LIFE) program.
2 WHEREAS, Most older Pennsylvanians wish to continue living in their homes and their communities for as long as economically and medically feasible; and
3 WHEREAS, In 1997 the Congress of the United States created the Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly as a Medicaid option for states, an innovative model that employs a hands-on, community-based approach to providing a broad range of integrated and comprehensive health care, social and family support services designed to help frail seniors remain independent for as long as possible through a program of managed long-term services and supports; and
4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania became one of the first states to implement the program, known in this Commonwealth as the Living
Independence for the Elderly (LIFE) program, to take advantage of the special opportunity the new program model offered; and WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's LIFE program provides participants with an alternative to nursing home care, enabling them to remain in their own homes and communities and live happier and more productive, fulfilling lives; and WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's LIFE program providers currently serve more than 6,000 Pennsylvanians in 41 counties; and WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's LIFE program continues to grow and serve more people in more parts of this Commonwealth, with planning under way to bring the LIFE program to every corner of this Commonwealth; and WHEREAS, This year marks the 20th anniversary of the LIFE program in this Commonwealth; therefore be it RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the 20th anniversary of the LIFE program; and be it further RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives acknowledge the exceptional role the LIFE program has played in improving the welfare and lives of thousands of older Pennsylvanians since the program's inception; and be it further RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the 11 organizations that provide LIFE program services to older Pennsylvanians today.