THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 393

Session of 2005

INTRODUCED BY DiGIROLAMO, PETRONE, BARRAR, BEBKO-JONES, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CAUSER, CLYMER, COHEN, CORRIGAN, CRAHALLA, CRUZ, DALLY, DeWEESE, FRANKEL, GINGRICH, GOOD, GOODMAN, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HERSHEY, KENNEY, KILLION, KOTIK, LEACH, LEDERER, MACKERETH, MANN, O'BRIEN, OLIVER, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PICKETT, RAYMOND, REICHLEY, ROBERTS, ROSS, RUBLEY, J. TAYLOR, WILT, WRIGHT, WOJNAROSKI AND HARHAI, JULY 2, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, JULY 2, 2005

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States to amend the
- Social Security Act to include Medicaid coverage for
- addiction treatment for pregnant women, women with dependent
- 4 children and criminal justice referrals in residential
- 5 addiction treatment programs having more than 16 beds.
- 6 WHEREAS, One in four families is directly affected by a
- 7 family member with an alcohol or drug addiction; and
- 8 WHEREAS, An estimated 60,000 babies are born every year with
- 9 incurable alcohol-related birth defects; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Medicaid spending accounts for \$1 out of every \$5
- 11 spent on hospital care for untreated alcohol and drug problems;
- 12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, Medicaid spending for other health care services is
- 14 reduced by half when addiction treatment is provided; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Addiction-related crime costs the nation an
- 16 estimated \$57 billion per year; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Arrest rates decrease 73% where addiction treatment
- 2 is available; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Addiction treatment drastically reduces health care
- 4 spending and the incidence rates of fetal alcohol syndrome and
- 5 drug and alcohol-related crime; therefore be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
- 7 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress to amend
- 8 the Social Security Act to include Medicaid coverage for
- 9 addiction treatment for pregnant women, women with dependent
- 10 children and criminal justice referrals in residential addiction
- 11 treatment programs having more than 16 beds; and be it further
- 12 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
- 13 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
- 14 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.