

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY PETRI, REICHLEY, BELFANTI, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI,
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SWANGER, J. TAYLOR, THOMAS, WALKO, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD AND
SONNEY, JULY 9, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, JULY 9, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States to increase
2 funding to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) by 6.7% in
3 each of the next three years to accelerate the momentum of
4 discovery to improve health and quality of life for millions
5 of Americans.

6 WHEREAS, NIH's ability to conduct and support life-saving
7 research is at risk with the President's Fiscal Year 2008,
8 budget which would cut funding by more than 13% in inflation-
9 adjusted dollars since Fiscal Year 2003; and

10 WHEREAS, NIH-funded research is driving the transformation of
11 the practice of medicine; and

12 WHEREAS, Currently the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ranks
13 fifth in the total amount of money awarded by the NIH to conduct
14 and support research; and

15 WHEREAS, NIH-supported research has resulted in prevention,
16 diagnosis and treatment of many diseases and has decreased the
17 absolute number of cancer deaths in our country for the second

1 year in a row; and

2 WHEREAS, Recent polls show that a majority of Americans said
3 more funding for medical and health research now is essential to
4 our future health and economic prosperity; and

5 WHEREAS, Activities supported by NIH are integral to the
6 nation's international competitiveness and to the health and
7 well-being of all Americans; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
9 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress to enact
10 legislation to increase funding to the NIH by 6.7% in each of
11 the next three years to accelerate the momentum of discovery to
12 improve health and quality of life for millions of Americans;
13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
15 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
16 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.