
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 846 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY DePASQUALE, BENNINGHOFF, BISHOP, BRENNAN,
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READSHAW, ROCK, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SEIP, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH,
STABACK, THOMAS, VULAKOVICH, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD AND
PERRY, JULY 14, 2008

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JULY 14, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the philanthropic and civic initiative of the York-
2 based Dentsply International in assisting the Donated Dental
3 Services program.

4 WHEREAS, Dentsply International and the National Foundation
5 of Dentistry for the Handicapped have joined together to support
6 the Donated Dental Services (DDS) program to meet the oral
7 health needs of disadvantaged, disabled, medically compromised
8 and elderly citizens of this Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, The people served have received comprehensive care,
10 often involving partial or full dentures; and

11 WHEREAS, Since the early days of DDS, Dentsply has generously
12 donated all of the denture teeth that volunteer laboratories use
13 to fabricate dentures for these patients needing treatment; and

14 WHEREAS, At least 25,000 people have received dentures, and
15 Dentsply has provided meaningful financial contributions to

1 support the volunteers; and

2 WHEREAS, The DDS program has served approximately 80,000
3 disabled, medically compromised and elderly people nationwide
4 who, because of their disabilities, have limited income and
5 cannot afford needed dental care; and

6 WHEREAS, The value of donated dental care has been more than
7 \$130 million and approximately \$7 in free care has been donated
8 for every dollar spent on operating costs; and

9 WHEREAS, This important contribution by Dentsply
10 International to the well-being of disabled residents of this
11 nation and this Commonwealth is exemplary and reflects the
12 highest ethical and humanitarian values; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the
14 philanthropic and civic initiative of Dentsply International in
15 assisting the Donated Dental Services program and urge all
16 dentists and dental laboratories in this nation and this
17 Commonwealth to participate in this worthwhile endeavor.