

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 20th anniversary of Pennsylvania's Living
2 Independence for the Elderly (LIFE) program.

3 WHEREAS, Most older Pennsylvanians wish to continue living in
4 their homes and their communities for as long as economically
5 and medically feasible; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1997 the Congress of the United States created
7 the Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly as a Medicaid
8 option for states, an innovative model that employs a hands-on,
9 community-based approach to providing a broad range of
10 integrated and comprehensive health care, social and family
11 support services designed to help frail seniors remain
12 independent for as long as possible through a program of managed
13 long-term services and supports; and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania became one of the first states to
15 implement the program, known in this Commonwealth as the Living
16 Independence for the Elderly (LIFE) program, to take advantage
17 of the special opportunity the new program model offered; and

1 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's LIFE program provides participants
2 with an alternative to nursing home care, enabling them to
3 remain in their own homes and communities and live happier and
4 more productive, fulfilling lives; and

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's LIFE program providers currently
6 serve more than 6,000 Pennsylvanians in 41 counties; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's LIFE program continues to grow and
8 serve more people in more parts of this Commonwealth, with
9 planning under way to bring the LIFE program to every corner of
10 this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, This year marks the 20th anniversary of the LIFE
12 program in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the 20th anniversary of
14 the LIFE program; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate acknowledge the exceptional role
16 the LIFE program has played in improving the welfare and lives
17 of thousands of older Pennsylvanians since the program's
18 inception; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
20 the 11 organizations that provide LIFE program services to older
21 Pennsylvanians today.