

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and contributions of John Patrick Stanton,  
2 humanitarian, activist and founder of the prolife movement in  
3 this Commonwealth, who died on January 31, 2014, at 86 years  
4 of age.

5 WHEREAS, John Patrick Stanton, the son of Dennis and Agnes  
6 Walsh Stanton, was born in Jenkintown on July 7, 1927; and

7 WHEREAS, Beginning in 1969, Mr. Stanton became involved in  
8 the prolife movement in this Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1972, Mr. Stanton collaborated with the General  
10 Assembly to secure the passage of legislation to strengthen  
11 State laws relating to abortion; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton worked tirelessly and effectively to  
13 organize residents of this Commonwealth to advance the prolife  
14 movement in which he so genuinely believed; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton was instrumental in the establishment of  
16 a Statewide Choose Life license plate program in 2005; and

17 WHEREAS, This program has raised tens of thousands of dollars  
18 for crisis pregnancy centers in this Commonwealth; and

1       WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton manifested leadership by faithful  
2 example, sometimes at great personal cost; and

3       WHEREAS, For many years, Mr. Stanton prayed and counseled at  
4 various facilities in the Philadelphia area; and

5       WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton and his wife, by providing housing at  
6 their home in Jenkintown, personally assisted pregnant women;  
7 and

8       WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton organized and led many efforts to  
9 provide care and resources to pregnant women in crisis; and

10       WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton's Catholic faith and Irish heritage  
11 provided the motivation for his leadership; and

12       WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton earned a master's degree in theology at  
13 St. Charles Seminary and shared his teachings of St. Patrick's  
14 life and legacy; and

15       WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton represented the finest qualities of  
16 mankind, having demonstrated exceptional abilities in the  
17 interests of business, social justice and community involvement;  
18 and

19       WHEREAS, Mr. Stanton was a loving and devoted husband to  
20 Harriet Althouse Stanton, as well as a loving and devoted  
21 father, grandfather and great-grandfather to their 12 children,  
22 46 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; therefore be it

23       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life  
24 and contributions of John Patrick Stanton, humanitarian,  
25 activist and founder of the prolife movement in this  
26 Commonwealth, who died on January 31, 2014, at 86 years of age;  
27 and be it further

28       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
29 the family of John Patrick Stanton.