

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 245 Session of
2001

INTRODUCED BY FRANKEL, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, CALTAGIRONE,
L. I. COHEN, CORRIGAN, COSTA, CURRY, DALEY, DERMODY, DeWEESE,
FREEMAN, GABIG, HARHAI, HERMAN, JAMES, JOSEPHS, LAUGHLIN,
LEDERER, LEVDANSKY, MANDERINO, MANN, MELIO, MUNDY, PALLONE,
PISTELLA, READSHAW, ROBERTS, ROBINSON, SAINATO, SHANER,
SOLOBAY, THOMAS, TRAVAGLIO, WALKO, C. WILLIAMS, WOJNAROSKI
AND YOUNGBLOOD, JUNE 14, 2001

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 14, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the contributions of Neighborhood Legal Services
2 Association to this Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, Neighborhood Legal Services Association (NLSA) is a
4 private nonprofit corporation established in this Commonwealth
5 in 1966 to provide free legal services to low-income people in
6 civil matters; and

7 WHEREAS, NLSA was one of the first legal services programs
8 established in this Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, NLSA's mission is to meet the civil legal needs of
10 poor and vulnerable individuals by securing the rights and
11 obtaining the benefits to which they are entitled through
12 effective legal representation of eligible individuals and
13 groups; and

14 WHEREAS, NLSA serves residents of Allegheny, Beaver, Butler
15 and Lawrence Counties with a staff of 61 attorneys, paralegals

1 and support personnel; and

2 WHEREAS, NLSA is a member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania
3 Legal Services Consortium, serving Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver,
4 Butler, Cambria, Clarion, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Jefferson,
5 Lawrence, Somerset, Washington and Westmoreland Counties; and

6 WHEREAS, In its 35 years of service to the communities of
7 southwestern Pennsylvania, NLSA has made a difference in the
8 lives of 500,000 low-income people and their families who were
9 victims of domestic violence; senior citizens exposed to fraud,
10 abuse and neglect; tenants unjustly evicted from their homes;
11 employees wrongly discharged; residents incorrectly denied or
12 cut off from Government benefits affecting access to health
13 care, education and food; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
15 commend the contributions of Neighborhood Legal Services
16 Association to the well-being of residents of this Commonwealth
17 and congratulate the program, its board and staff on 35 years of
18 dedicated service and commitment to ensuring access to justice
19 for low-income people.