
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WASHINGTON, WHEATLEY, WILLIAMS, WOJNAROSKI AND YOUNGBLOOD,
OCTOBER 18, 2004

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
OCTOBER 18, 2004

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States to reinstate in
2 the Federal budget the \$58 million in funding for Operation
3 Weed and Seed.

4 WHEREAS, Operation Weed and Seed is a United States
5 Department of Justice community-based initiative utilizing a
6 multiagency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention and
7 community revitalization; and

8 WHEREAS, Operation Weed and Seed aims to prevent, control and
9 reduce violent crime, drug abuse and gang activity in designated
10 high-crime neighborhoods across the country; and

11 WHEREAS, A two-pronged strategy of crime control and
12 prevention consists of law enforcement agencies and local
13 prosecutors "weeding out" criminals from an area and "seeding"
14 it through prevention, intervention, treatment and neighborhood
15 revitalization services; and

1 WHEREAS, During fiscal year 2001-2002, approximately 270
2 communities utilized funding from the Executive Office for
3 Operation Weed and Seed; and

4 WHEREAS, Federal Operation Weed and Seed funds have been
5 important in revitalization and helping communities spread
6 resources; and

7 WHEREAS, Operation Weed and Seed remains one of the most
8 cost-effective national strategies for developing strong
9 partnerships among public law enforcement agencies, community
10 organizations and local residents in urban and rural areas; and

11 WHEREAS, Residents perceive their neighborhoods to be
12 significantly safer, with less violent crime and greater police
13 effectiveness; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
15 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress to
16 reinstate in the Federal budget the \$58 million in funding for
17 Operation Weed and Seed; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
19 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
20 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.