
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BISHOP, GEORGE, WASHINGTON, CALTAGIRONE, McGEEHAN,
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HARPER, GRUCELA, THOMAS, BLACKWELL AND JOSEPHS,
FEBRUARY 1, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES,
FEBRUARY 1, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States to amend the
2 Social Security Act to provide for long-term caregiver
3 benefits.

4 WHEREAS, A crisis continues to exist in the Commonwealth of
5 Pennsylvania relating to the rapidly escalating costs of health
6 care, especially where individuals suffer from a prolonged
7 illness or disability requiring in-home care; and

8 WHEREAS, Housing and other assistance is often provided to
9 sick or disabled individuals by extended family members, friends
10 or other generous caregivers who patiently attend to them, give
11 them a home and even pay their expenses; and

12 WHEREAS, The cost of providing housing and other assistance
13 to loved ones puts a significant burden on caregivers,
14 especially where caregivers assist individuals for a prolonged
15 period of time; and

16 WHEREAS, The Social Security Act currently provides survivor

1 benefits to retired or disabled widows, widowers, minor or
2 disabled children and dependent parents 62 years of age or older
3 when an individual dies; and

4 WHEREAS, Persons not deemed eligible for survivor benefits
5 under the Social Security Act carry a financial burden after
6 their loved one is gone; and

7 WHEREAS, Many of these caregivers and their loved ones
8 enlisted in the ranks of the work force for many years and
9 contributed to the Social Security Fund and accordingly would
10 deserve their fair share; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
12 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress to amend
13 the Social Security Act to provide benefits for long-term
14 caregivers; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
16 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
17 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.