

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 499 Session of 2007

INTRODUCED BY KING, MAHONEY, COHEN, CALTAGIRONE, GEORGE, SHIMKUS, PALLONE, BAKER, HERSHEY, PARKER, MILLARD, MURT, CLYMER, GRUCELA, FREEMAN, DALEY, PHILLIPS, VULAKOVICH, SWANGER, FABRIZIO, DONATUCCI, JAMES, HARPER, GIBBONS, SANTONI, BELFANTI, BRENNAN, HELM, RAMALEY, YOUNGBLOOD, WALKO, SCAVELLO, ROSS, KOTIK, SAINATO, WATSON, BEYER, CUTLER, HENNESSEY, DIGIROLAMO, CAPPELLI, LEACH, KORTZ, MAJOR, BISHOP, GEIST, GALLOWAY, MANTZ, McCALL, MENSCH, MOUL, RUBLEY, WATERS, MOYER, MUNDY, READSHAW, M. O'BRIEN, McGEEHAN, RAPP, MARKOSEK, McILHATTAN, O'NEILL, EVERETT, MUSTIO, STABACK, K. SMITH, SOLOBAY, MANN, MELIO, SCHRODER, W. KELLER, SIPTROTH, SURRA, CONKLIN, SONNEY, WOJNAROSKI, PETRONE, MYERS, HARHART AND MILNE, NOVEMBER 2, 2007

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, NOVEMBER 2, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of November 19 through 25, 2007, as "Family
2 Caregiver Week" in Pennsylvania and commending the service
3 and dedication family caregivers provide to older adults.

4 WHEREAS, Most care provided to older adults at home is
5 delivered by family members, and according to Children of Aging
6 Parents, a Pennsylvania caregiver organization, an estimated
7 44.4 million Americans provide care for adult family members and
8 friends who, because of disabling illnesses or conditions, have
9 limited ability to carry out daily activities such as bathing,
10 managing medications or preparing meals; and

11 WHEREAS, Of all adults receiving long-term care at home, 78%
12 rely exclusively on family and friends to provide assistance;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Of all people with Alzheimer's disease, 70% live at
3 home, where families provide at least 75% of their care; and

4 WHEREAS, Family involvement is critical to maintaining the
5 independence of older adults who need assistance with activities
6 of daily living and avoiding premature institutionalization; and

7 WHEREAS, Older adults who live at home usually live longer
8 and spend more time with their families and communities,
9 affording them a greater opportunity to continue to enrich this
10 Commonwealth by sharing their valuable wisdom, life experiences
11 and talents with other generations; and

12 WHEREAS, Primary caregivers who provide continuous care in
13 the home often gain a great deal of personal satisfaction, but
14 they can also experience physical, psychological and financial
15 stress; and

16 WHEREAS, Most Pennsylvania caregivers have provided care to
17 an impaired or disabled person or know someone who has;
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
20 week of November 19 through 25, 2007, as "Family Caregiver Week"
21 in Pennsylvania and commend the service and dedication of this
22 Commonwealth's family caregivers who improve the lives of many
23 older Pennsylvanians.