
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 293 Session of
2011

INTRODUCED BY MURT, BISHOP, B. BOYLE, BRADFORD, BRIGGS, BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, D. COSTA, DALEY, DAY, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, J. EVANS, EVERETT, FLECK, GABLER, GEIST, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GROVE, HARHART, HARKINS, HEFFLEY, HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, HORNAMAN, KILLION, KOTIK, KULA, LAWRENCE, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANN, MCGEEHAN, MILLARD, MILNE, MOUL, MUSTIO, PYLE, QUINN, RAPP, READSHAW, ROCK, ROEBUCK, ROSS, SAINATO, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SONNEY, STERN, TAYLOR, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WATSON AND WHITE, MAY 23, 2011

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 23, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Pennsylvania Dental Association for its
2 efforts to improve access to dental care.

3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Dental Association fosters
4 volunteerism and encourages its more than 5,500 members to
5 provide direct patient care and engage with others in their
6 communities to improve access to dental care for all
7 Pennsylvanians; and

8 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Dental Association recognizes that
9 this Commonwealth has one of the greatest populations of senior
10 citizens in the nation and that many of them have unmet dental
11 needs; and

12 WHEREAS, Many Pennsylvanians who are disabled, elderly or
13 medically at risk suffer from seriously neglected dental

1 problems because they cannot afford treatment; and

2 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Dental Association recognizes that
3 prevention and education is key to developing good oral hygiene
4 habits that prevent the need for more costly treatment for
5 patients and taxpayers; and

6 WHEREAS, Members of the Pennsylvania Dental Association
7 continue to donate care to the aged, disabled and medically
8 compromised through the Donated Dental Services program,
9 providing \$8,598,852 in free services to more than 4,000
10 vulnerable patients since 1996; and

11 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is one of 39 states that, in 2010
12 alone, collectively generated \$22.7 million in donated care for
13 more than 7,300 patients enrolled in the Donated Dental Services
14 program; and

15 WHEREAS, More than 800 dentists provide discounted services
16 to hundreds of senior citizens in need through the Pennsylvania
17 Dental Association's Senior Dental Care Program, enabling many
18 senior citizens to obtain affordable dental care and helping
19 them to enjoy good health and well-being; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
21 Pennsylvania Dental Association for its efforts to improve
22 access to dental care and extend a heartfelt thank you to
23 thousands of volunteer dentists for providing quality dental
24 care to Pennsylvania's senior citizens.