
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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GOODMAN, McCARTER AND GILLEN, MARCH 4, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 4, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing condolences upon the passing of Hannah Rose Ginion of
2 Levittown and honoring her life and the contributions she
3 made to strengthen the laws of this Commonwealth.

4 WHEREAS, Hannah Rose Ginion, lovingly known as "Hannah Bear,"
5 passed away December 28, 2014, a few weeks shy of her second
6 birthday; and

7 WHEREAS, Hannah was born January 15, 2013, a healthy baby
8 girl weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces, to parents Justin Ginion and
9 Victoria Pizzullo of Levittown; and

10 WHEREAS, At first, Hannah was meeting and exceeding all of
11 her milestones, but at four months of age, Hannah suddenly and
12 inexplicably began regressing; and

13 WHEREAS, On June 17, 2013, five-month-old Hannah was
14 diagnosed with Krabbe disease at Children's Hospital of
15 Philadelphia; and

16 WHEREAS, Krabbe disease is a rare, inherited degenerative

1 disorder of the central and peripheral nervous systems; and

2 WHEREAS, Infants born with Krabbe disease appear normal at
3 birth; and

4 WHEREAS, Symptoms of Krabbe disease begin between three and
5 six months of age and include irritability, unexplained fever,
6 limb stiffness, seizures, feeding difficulties, vomiting and
7 slowing of mental and motor development; and

8 WHEREAS, Other symptoms include muscle weakness, spasticity,
9 deafness and blindness; and

10 WHEREAS, There is no cure for Krabbe disease but studies show
11 that early treatment may delay its onset when detection occurs
12 before symptoms begin; and

13 WHEREAS, Hannah's parents, Justin and Vicki, began advocating
14 for expanded newborn screening for Krabbe disease on behalf of
15 their daughter and other children in this Commonwealth; and

16 WHEREAS, As a result of this advocacy, expanded newborn
17 screening legislation inspired by Hannah became law October 15,
18 2014; and

19 WHEREAS, Thanks to "Hannah's Law," infants across this
20 Commonwealth will have a better chance at a healthy life; and

21 WHEREAS, Hannah's life may have been short, but she has left
22 an incredible legacy and is a hero for all newborns; and

23 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives mourns the loss of
24 Hannah and extends condolences to her parents, Justin Ginion and
25 Vicki Pizzullo; her sisters, Faith and Samantha Dydak; her
26 maternal grandparents, Victoria and Vincent Pizzullo; her
27 paternal grandparents, Jerry Jordan and Anne Matusek; her
28 maternal great-grandmother, Alberta Gardner; and her paternal
29 great-grandmother, Annette Ginion; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express

1 condolences upon the passing of Hannah Rose Ginion of Levittown;

2 and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
4 the family of Hannah Rose Ginion as an expression of condolence
5 for their loss and as a token of appreciation for Hannah's vital
6 role in strengthening the newborn screening laws in this
7 Commonwealth.