
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY FRANKEL, CALTAGIRONE, MILLARD, THOMAS, MURT,
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WHEELAND, McNEILL AND BRADFORD, JUNE 5, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 5, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Jewish Healthcare Foundation of Pittsburgh on
2 its 25th anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, The Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF) was
4 established in 1990 with proceeds from the sale of Montefiore
5 Hospital, a health care institution financed and founded by
6 Pittsburgh's Jewish community; and

7 WHEREAS, Montefiore Hospital opened in 1908 to meet the
8 health care needs of a growing and underserved Jewish population
9 in western Pennsylvania; and

10 WHEREAS, Montefiore Hospital instituted Pittsburgh's first
11 night clinic for social diseases and facilitated periodic
12 checkups for underprivileged persons; and

13 WHEREAS, Montefiore Hospital's emphasis on compassion and
14 excellence in the delivery of health care services has informed
15 JHF's overall mission; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, JHF and its two operating arms, the

1 Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative and Health Careers
2 Futures, develop and manage programs, research, training and
3 grantmaking to improve patient care; and

4 WHEREAS, JHF's current focus is on promoting safety, best
5 practices and efficiency at the front lines of care and building
6 a work force to sustain this; and

7 WHEREAS, JHF supports programs such as the Pittsburgh
8 Regional Health Initiative; and

9 WHEREAS, JHF provides research and education on breast cancer
10 and promotes its early detection; and

11 WHEREAS, JHF initiatives have contributed to Greater
12 Pittsburgh's emergence as an international leader in biomedical
13 and biotechnology research; and

14 WHEREAS, Major accomplishments made possible with JHF support
15 include the establishment of the Jewish Association on Aging,
16 the Coordinated Care Network, the Squirrel Hill Kosher Super
17 Pantry and Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Southwestern
18 Pennsylvania; and

19 WHEREAS, JHF's outreach further encompasses the Caregivers
20 Training Institute to educate persons providing elder care and
21 Pittsburgh Elderhostel, now Road Scholar; and

22 WHEREAS, With a current endowment of nearly \$140 million, JHF
23 has provided more than \$120 million in grants and has leveraged
24 tens of millions of dollars in key public/private partnerships
25 related to health care; and

26 WHEREAS, In 2013, JHF provided \$2.8 million in funding to the
27 Jewish community, including significant grants to the Jewish
28 Association on Aging and the Jewish Federation of Greater
29 Pittsburgh; and

30 WHEREAS, As the fiscal agent for State HIV/AIDS funding in

1 southwest Pennsylvania since 1992, JHF manages funds from
2 multiple government sources to facilitate delivery of health
3 care, support and housing services to eligible individuals
4 living with HIV/AIDS and administers prevention and education
5 programs for at-risk populations; and

6 WHEREAS, JHF's Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative is a
7 founding member of the Network for Regional Healthcare
8 Improvement, a national organization representing more than 30
9 regional collaboratives focused on improving patient experience
10 and population health while reducing the per capita cost of
11 health care; and

12 WHEREAS, JHF has effectively improved health care quality and
13 efficiency for the entire Pittsburgh region and especially its
14 most vulnerable populations and has earned recognition as an
15 invaluable asset to our Commonwealth; and

16 WHEREAS, This year marks JHF's 25th anniversary as a driving
17 force behind stronger public health systems and coordinated
18 community outreach in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
20 Jewish Healthcare Foundation of Pittsburgh on its 25th
21 anniversary; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
23 Dr. Karen Wolk Feinstein, President and Chief Executive Officer,
24 Jewish Healthcare Foundation, Centre City Tower, Suite 2400, 650
25 Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.