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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 401 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY RYAN, RAPP, KLUNK, SCHEMEL, STAATS, BERNSTINE,  
BURNS, DIGIROLAMO, GABLER, GLEIM, HEFFLEY, HELM, JOHNSON-  
HARRELL, KINSEY, LEWIS, MILLARD, MOUL, OWLETT, PYLE,  
READSHAW, ROTHMAN, SCHMITT AND SONNEY, JUNE 18, 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 18, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the foundation and advancement of the pro-life  
2 movement in Pennsylvania by John Patrick Stanton and Mr.  
3 Stanton's commitment to the pro-life movement side of the  
4 abortion controversy in debate and legislative process and in  
5 potential solution.

6 WHEREAS, The protection of potential life is the fundamental  
7 principle of one side of the abortion controversy, nationally  
8 and in this Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1969, John Patrick Stanton became involved in the  
10 pro-life movement in this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Stanton manifested  
12 leadership by example, sometimes at great personal cost, and  
13 worked tirelessly and effectively to organize residents of this  
14 Commonwealth to advance the pro-life movement in which he so  
15 genuinely believed; and

16 WHEREAS, The pro-life movement in this Commonwealth has  
17 successfully lobbied for legislation to strengthen State laws  
18 relating to abortion and established the Statewide Choose Life

1 license plate program in 2005; and

2 WHEREAS, Debating controversial subject matter is the  
3 foundation of the rights of freedom of expression and freedom to  
4 petition government, and addressing controversial subject matter  
5 is inherent in the functioning of a democratic republic; and

6 WHEREAS, The pro-life movement in this Commonwealth has  
7 raised tens of thousands of dollars for crisis-pregnancy centers  
8 in this Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, Offering a potential solution is a good method to  
10 deal with a serious problem; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
12 foundation and advancement of the pro-life movement in  
13 Pennsylvania by John Patrick Stanton and Mr. Stanton's  
14 commitment to the pro-life movement's side of the abortion  
15 controversy in debate and legislative process and in potential  
16 solution; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
18 the family of John Patrick Stanton.